

"Let It Be"

Romans 12: 9 - 21

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- **God Requires That His Children Live In Genuine Love, Not Be "Bad Actors", (vs. 9 - 21)**
  - Love Unhypocritical Is Always Devoted, (vs. 9 - 13)
    - "Genuine, (un / hypo / critical)" **ἀνυποκριτος**, originally to be inexperienced in acting, (vs. 9a)
      - *"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by **swerving** from these, have **wandered** away into vain discussion, **desiring** to be teachers of the law, without **understanding** either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions." (1 Timothy 1:5-7)*
  - 1. We must be experienced at rejecting the of corrupting others, (vs. 9b)
    - *"I will not **set** before my eyes anything that is worthless. I **HATE** the work of those who fall away; it shall not **cling** to me." (Psalm 101:3)*
  - 2. We must be experienced at being joined with what is wholesome, (vs. 9c)
    - *"For "Whoever **desires** to love life and see good days, let him **KEEP** his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;" (1 Peter 3:10)*
  - 3. We must be experienced at tenderness toward the family, (vs. 10a)
    - *"**REMEMBER** those who are in prison, as though in **PRISON** with them, and those who are **mistreated**, since you also **are** in the body." (Hebrews 13:3)*
  - 4. We must be experienced at going out of our way in honoring others, (vs. 10b)
    - *"Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility **count** others more **significant** than yourselves. Let each of you **look** not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3-4)*
  - 5. We must be experienced at instantly affirming Christ as our Lord, (vs. 11)
    - Do not hesitate to diligently show Christ as a priority, (vs. 11a)
      - *"But his master **answered** him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my **coming** I should have received what was my own with interest." (Matthew 25:26-27)*
    - Boil over in your willingness to do anything & everything to honor Christ, (vs. 11b)
      - *"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be **hated** by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will **fall** away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will **arise** and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be **increased**, the love of many will grow **cold**. But the one who **endures** to the end will be **saved**. And this gospel of the kingdom will be **proclaimed** throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:9-14)*
    - Attend to every detail that brings Christ glory, (vs. 11c)
      - *"Therefore let us be **grateful** for **receiving** a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable **worship**, with reverence and awe, for our God is a **consuming** fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29)*
  - 6. We must be experienced at rejoicing in what Christ has promised, (vs. 12a)
  - 7. We must be experienced at enduring patiently when opposition to those promises comes, (vs. 12b)
  - 8. We must be experienced at remaining constantly in connection with God, (vs. 12c)
  - 9. We must be experienced at providing relief to those who are struggling for Christ's sake, (vs. 13a)
  - 10. We must be experienced at exhibiting openness & acceptance toward those God brings, (vs. 13b)
- Love Unhypocritical Always Blesses Those Who Persecute, (vs. 14 - 16)
- Love Unhypocritical Never Pays Back Evil For Evil, (vs. 17 - 18)
- Love Unhypocritical Never Takes Its Own Revenge, (vs. 19 - 20)
- Love Unhypocritical Is Never Overcome By Evil, (vs. 21)