

"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)

○ Love Unhypocritical Always Blesses Others Unconditionally, (vs. 14 - 16)

○ Love Unhypocritical Never Pays Back Evil For Evil, (vs. 17 - 18)

- We must be experienced at premeditation in not returning in like-kind, (vs. 17a)

✚ *"You have heard that it was **said**, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, **TURN** to him the other also. And if anyone **would sue** you and take your tunic, let him **HAVE** your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, **GO** with him two miles. **GIVE** to the one who **begs** from you, and do not **refuse** the one who **would borrow** from you." (Matthew 5:38-42)*

- We must be experienced at premeditation in honoring all, (vs. 17b)

✚ *"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt **has lost its taste**, how shall its **saltiness** be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be **thrown** out and **trampled** under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city **set** on a hill cannot be **hidden**. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light **SHINE** before others, so that they may **see** your good works and give **glory** to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)*

- We must be experienced at premeditation in bringing peace, (vs. 18)

✚ *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be **comforted**. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who **hunger** and **thirst** for righteousness, for they shall be **satisfied**. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive **mercy**. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall **see** God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be **called** sons of God. "Blessed are those who are **PERSECUTED** for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others **revile** you and **persecute** you and **utter** all kinds of evil against you **falsely** on my account. **REJOICE** and **BE GLAD**, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:3-12)*

- Love Unhypocritical Never Takes Its Own Revenge, (vs. 19 – 20)
- Love Unhypocritical Is Never Overcome By Evil, (vs. 21)