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# ROMANS

A LETTER THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

## THE POWER OF LOVE | ROMANS 12:9-21

“ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

JOHN 13:34-35 (NIV)

ROMANS 12:9-21: *Living out the kind of Love the world desperately needs...*

“ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ROMANS 12:9-21 (NIV)

## HOW TO LOVE YOUR FRIENDS

BE \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”

ROMANS 12:9 (NIV)

"Sincere" (Literal) \_\_\_\_\_.  
GREEK: *anhypokritos*

BE \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

ROMANS 12:10 (NIV)

"Devoted... in love" (Literal) Family Love or Brotherly love  
GREEK: *philadelphia and philostorge*

BE \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

ROMANS 12:11-12 (NIV)

BE \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

ROMANS 12:13 (NIV)

“ Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.”

ROMANS 12:16 (NIV)

"Hospitality" (Literal) Love of Stranger  
GREEK: *philoxenia*

## HOW TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

BE \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”

ROMANS 12:14 (NIV)

“ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.”

ROMANS 12:17 (NIV)

BE \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”

ROMANS 12:16 (NIV)

BE \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

ROMANS 12:19-21 (NIV)

## DISCUSSION Questions

- 1 - If you were to ask 10 people on the street to choose one word that describes Christians today what do you think the most common response would be?
- 2 - What word do you think Jesus would want to be used to describe His church? (Hint: check out John 13:34-35)
- 3 - Read Romans 12:9-13. What quality in those verse do you find yourself especially draw toward?
- 4 - Of the four ways these verses teach us to love our friends which is the most difficult for you to do? Which is the easiest? (Be Real, Loyal, Enthusiastic, Hospitable) Is there another quality in these verses that you think Christians should focus on?
- 5 - Read Romans 12:13-21. Can you think of times where you have seen people truly love thier enemies? When, where and how?
- 6 - Of the three ways these verses teach us to love our enemies, which is the most difficult for you to do? Which is the easiest? (Be Grace Filled, Humble, Forgiving) Is there another quality in these verses that you think Christians should focus on?
- 7 - After studying these verses share with the group one or two ways that you would like to improve the way you are demonstrating your love for others?

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