



## Route 66, Romans 12

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### Love in Action

**Romans 12:9** *“Love must be sincere.” (without hypocrisy - actor)*

**John 13:34-35** *“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.”*

Love is a verb

Love = actions, to give

\*\*\* DON'T change your behavior. Follow Jesus. Learn from Him.

**Romans 12:9** *“...Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”*

Don't tolerate sin:

- In your own life
- In others

**Romans 12:10** *“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”*

**I John 4:19-21** *“We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”*

**Romans 12:11** *“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”*

Look for the VERBS. Action words.

**Revelation 2:2-7** *“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”*

**Romans 12:12** *“Be joyful - in hope, patient - in affliction, faithful - in prayer.”*

**Romans 12:13** *“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”*

**Romans 12:14** *“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”*

**Matthew 5:44-45** *“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”*

**Romans 12:15** *“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn”*

Enter into their emotions. Join others in their joy or sorrow.

**Romans 12:16** *“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud,”*

**James 4:6** *“But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*

*“...but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”*

**Philippians 2:3** *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,”*

**Romans 12:17** *“Do not repay anyone evil for evil.”*

\*\*\*The danger of reacting based on what you know – we most often don’t have all the details.

*“...Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.”*

**Romans 12:18** *“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”*

**Romans 12:19** *“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.”*

**Deuteronomy 32:35** *“It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them.”*

\*\*\*Only God knows all the information. Only He can Judge.

**Romans 12:20** *“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.””*

**Proverbs. 25:21-22** *“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.” In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.”*

**Romans 12:21** *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

\*\*\*Our love must be independent of the treatment we received from others.

You can't live these verses without Christ.

**Romans 5:5** *“because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”*

We Sympathize -

**Romans 12:15** *“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”*

Enter into the emotions of others. Don't just observe, enter in.

“Jesus wept”

We Harmonize -

**Romans 12:18** *“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”*

**Matthew 5:9** *“Blessed are the peace makers.”*

**Matthew 10:31** Transformation not Affirmation

Jesus didn't spend time with tax collectors and sinners because he wanted to appear inclusive, accepting or tolerant. He spent time with them to call them to a changed and fruitful life.

To die to self and live for him. His call is for transformation of life not affirmation of identity.