

ROMANS: PART 78
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The Consecrated Christian's New View of Others. Pt 2
Love's Cost -- Love's Reward
Romans 12:9-16

The Context of Rom 12:9-16

1. A call to consecrate ourselves unto God. Rom 12:1,2
2. Application: With sound judgment serve others (your needed & you are needy) Rom 12:3-8.
3. Application: Without hypocrisy sincerely love others. Rom 12:9-16.

Review of Rom 12:9-11 (Msg. from Oct. 19th)

1. The Command: Love with an **un-hypocritical love**; a **sincere love**. Rom 12:9a
 - ◆ *Let love be without hypocrisy*. Don't pretend love when you're someone else
 - ◆ *Let love be sincere*. Without hidden flaws. Let it be the *real* thing! Jn 13:34,35; Gal 5:22
2. Real Love -- Sincere love is **holy**. Vs 9b.
 - ◆ It hates (*apostugeo* -- abhors) what God hates. E.G. Prov 6:16-19; Isa 1:12-15; Amos 5:2
 - ◆ It clings (lit "glues to") to what is good. Gal 5:22-23; Phil 4:8-9; Rom 7:12; I Cor 13:6
3. Real Love -- Sincere love has **family affection**: loyalty, devotion, & honor. Vs 10
 - ◆ Devoted (*philostorgos*: phileo + storge) a parent's devotion to infant. I.E. stork-like love.
 - ◆ Brotherly love (*philadelphia*: phileo + delphia) love of brother or sister. I.E. family love.
 - ◆ Give preference in honor (pro + ego) to set others before you. Phil 2:3-4
4. Real Love -- Sincere love is **untiring & zealous in service**. Vs 11
 - ◆ Serving in zeal -- not getting tired or "lazy." Gal 6:9.
 - ◆ In spirit -- boiling. What is your passion? Is it to serve others?

Continuation of Rom 12:9-11

1. Real Love -- Sincere love is **persevering**. Vs 12.
 - ◆ In hope -- joyful. Your eyes are fixed on Christ's return. *Encouragement* to others!
 - ◆ In tribulation -- persevering. You don't fall out of the race under trial.
 - ◆ In prayer -- devoted. You intercede for the body. *This* is love for others!
2. Real Love -- Sincere love is **generous & hospitable**. Vs 13
 - ◆ Contributing to (*koinoneo*) the needs of others in need. *If I got a dollar -- you got a dollar*
 - ◆ Practicing hospitality (*philoξenia*: phileo + xenos) love of strangers. Mt 25:34f; Lk 14:13
3. Real Love -- Sincere love demonstrates **good-will toward those who hurt** you. Vs 14.
 - ◆ Blessing (*eulogia*: eulogy) your persecutors. Jn 15:18-21; 16:1-3
 - ◆ Nothing less than Christ-likeness. Mt 5:43-48; 7:12; Lk 6:28; 23:34; Acts 7:60; I Tim 2:1-4
4. Real Love -- Sincere love is **like-minded in heart & spirit**. Vs 15-16a
 - ◆ We delight in other's joy (not envy). *If you have joy -- I have joy*
 - ◆ We mourn in other's pain (not smug) *If you have pain -- I have pain*
 - ◆ We live in harmony (lit. *like-mindedness*) Phil 2:2; Rom 12:18
5. Real Love -- Sincere love is **humble & indiscriminate**. Vs 16b
 - ◆ Not proud, arrogant, haughty. Without snobbery. Mt 11:19.
 - ◆ The people whom God loves are the same people *you* love. I Cor 1:26,29
6. Summary Statement. Sincere love is **not conceited**. Vs 16b
 - ◆ It is a product of a transformed mind. Cf. Vs 3
 - ◆ It is what brings us great joy
 - ◆ It is a product of God's love for us.