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## Engaging Takes Work Romans 12:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

### Love Others Sincerely (v. 9)

#### **Romans 12:9 (NKJV)**

*<sup>9</sup>Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.*

#### **Romans 12:9 (NLT)**

*<sup>9</sup>Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.*

Unconditional love as your way of life

- A. Without hypocrisy = sincere; without wax
- B. Have the type of love that holds up in the heat

### Esteem Others Highly (v. 10)

#### **Romans 12:10 (NKJV)**

*<sup>10</sup>Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;*

#### **Romans 12:10 (NLT)**

*<sup>10</sup>Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.*

- Brotherly love = fraternal affection and care; preferential love for the family of God
- In honor giving preference = in value, esteem, and dignity, show deference; make a pathway for others

#### **Romans 12:10 (ESV)**

*<sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

### **Serve God Fervently (v. 11)**

**Romans 12:11(NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup>*not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*

**Romans 12:11 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup>*Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.*

- Not lagging in diligence = (KJV – not slothful); slow and tardy in the business to which you have been dispatched
- Fervent in spirit = hot as in the boiling of liquid or the glow of solids

### **Face Trials Hopefully (Wait Steadfastly) - (v. 12)**

**Romans 12:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup>*rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;*

**Romans 12:12 (NLT)**

<sup>12</sup>*Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.*

- Rejoicing in hope = cheerfully expectant and confident
- Patient in tribulation = bear up under pressure, burdens, or trouble
- Continuing in prayer = persevering in worship and communion with God

### **Share With Others Generously (v. 13)**

**Romans 12:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup>*distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.*

- Distributing to the needs of the saints = sharing with God's people who are in need
- Given to hospitality = entertaining strangers (a necessity in ancient times when ministers were itinerant and believers were fleeing persecution)
- "Open the circle"