



Love Demonstrated

ROMANS 12: 9 – 13

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Romans 12: 9 - 13

⁹ *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.* ¹⁰ *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;* ¹¹ *not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;* ¹² *rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,* ¹³ *contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.*

Loves Basic Definition and Family Connection V. 9.

- ▶ Love is not hypocritical.
 - ▶ Hypocrisy is the opposite of Agape Love.
- ▶ Love abhors evil.
 - ▶ Love is not without holy standards.
- ▶ Love clings to good.
 - ▶ Cling like glue to what is good.
- ▶ Devoted to another in brotherly love.
- ▶ Give preference to one another in honor.
 - ▶ Promote others in church above oneself.

Loves Living Power. Vv. 11 - 12

- ▶ Not lagging behind in diligence.
- ▶ Fervent in (S)pirit.
- ▶ Serving the Lord.
 - ▶ In our service we serve diligently, and fervently.
- ▶ Rejoicing in hope.
- ▶ Persevering in tribulation.
- ▶ Devoted to prayer.
 - ▶ Constant in prayer (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5: 17)

Loves Selflessness V. 13.

- ▶ Contributing to the needs of the saints.
 - ▶ What is ours, is God's to be shared.
 - ▶ Other people's needs trumps our desires.
- ▶ Practicing hospitality.
 - ▶ Still a necessity, more so at time of writing.
 - ▶ Pastor's are to demonstrate hospitality. (Cf. 1 Timothy 3: 2)
 - ▶ May even entertain angels. (Cf. Hebrews 13: 2.)
 - ▶ Do so without grumbling. (Cf. 1 Peter 4: 9).

Conclusion



- ▶ Agape love is demonstrated without hypocrisy, abhorring evil and cleaving to good.
- ▶ Agape love is family love showing preference for others.
- ▶ Agape love is diligent, fervent in spirit, in serving the Lord.
- ▶ Agape love hopes, perseveres, and prays.
- ▶ Agape love serves the need of others and shows hospitality.