

## “LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY”

Romans 12:9

O God, help us at all times to make our deeds fit our words and make our conduct match our profession and grant that we may never say one thing with our lips and another with our lives. Grant that we not pray service and practice selfishness. Grant that for us sympathy may never be only a thing of the emotions but that it may always issue in action to help. Grant that when we feel sorry for someone that we may not be satisfied until we have done something to help. Grant that we may not praise love and practice bitterness. Grant that we may not sing of the beauty of loving one another and yet refuse to forgive one another. Grant that we may not dream of a time of brotherly love and yet be unable to live at peace with our neighbor. Grant that we may not praise honesty and practice falsehood. Grant that we may not be guilty of that hypocrisy which says one thing with its lips and means another in its heart and which is one thing to a person's face and another behind his back. Grant that we may not pay lip service to the truth and yet be willing to evade, suppress or twist the truth when we think it suits us to do so. Grant that we may not praise generosity and practice meanness, keep us from the hypocrisy of singing hymns about giving everything to You but then grudging every penny we give and every hour we devote to the service of Your people and Your church. Keep us, O God, from bringing discredit by our life and our actions, our words and our behavior on the faith which we profess the church to which we belong and the Master whom we serve through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. - David Pawson

“LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY...BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN BROTHERLY LOVE; OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN SHOWING HONOR;” **Romans 12:9 & 10**

What does it mean to “love without hypocrisy and to outdo one another in showing honor”? Matthew 15:1-9

**PAUL'S EXAMPLE:** a “servant of God...in genuine love,” **2 Corinthians 6:4 & 6**

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23** – “for though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all,”

- Could Paul have been accused of hypocrisy by living this way?
- Compare with Galatians 2:11-14
- Do you see any potential situations or had past experience that serves as a warning regarding ways in which we could be “carried away by their hypocrisy” by one another?
- What's the difference from Paul being a slave to all and Peter fearing the party of the circumcision?
- Luke 6:39-43 & 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 How can we look at each other without hypocrisy? Is it hypocrisy to talk to each other about sin we seen in each other?

**PAUL'S GENUINE LOVE**

**1 Corinthians 8:1, 9-13 & 1 Corinthians 10:23-24**

- Not allowing knowledge to ruin one who is weak. Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor. **Romans 14:1**

**PAUL'S LOVE NEVER MOTIVATED HIM TO “GET” FROM OTHERS. HIS LOVE ENDURED ALL THINGS**

**Romans 9:3 & 16:17-18**

- Willing to be separated from Christ for the sake of my brothers.
- 2 Corinthians 12:14-15 – “for I do not seek what is yours, but you;” **2 Cor 6:1-12, 12:10**

How would you describe the challenge of seeing what “genuine love” meant in Paul's life?

**HOW CAN WE LOVE IN THE SAME WAY AS PAUL?**

How did Paul get this degree of love for others in his heart?

**Philippians 3:7-12**

- The value that Jesus became to Paul caused Paul to love without hypocrisy.

Phrases Paul uses in 1 & 2 Corinthians: “you belong to Christ...servants of Christ...for the sake of the gospel...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God...so that God may be all in all...for Jesus' sake...servants of God...we are ambassadors for Christ...for Christ's sake...”

**Memory Verse: Romans 12:9-10**



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