

Unfeigned Love

Romans 12:9-13
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Love without Hypocrisy

- Agape love
- “without hypocrisy” (ESV: “genuine,” NIV: “sincere”)
- The context of vs. 9-13
- The structure of vs. 9-13

Paul’s “bullet list”

- the love—genuine
- abhorring the evil
- holding fast the good
- loving one another with brotherly love
- outdoing one another in honor
- not slothful in zeal
- fervent in spirit

Paul’s “bullet list”

- serving the Lord
- rejoicing in hope
- being patient in tribulation
- being constant in prayer
- contributing to the needs of the saints
- seeking [to show] hospitality

Characteristics of Unfeigned Love

1. Moral discernment

Moral Discernment

“[Love] ..does not rejoice at wrongdoing,
but rejoices with the truth.”
(1 Cor. 13:6, ESV)

Moral Discernment

*"For do not fancy, he means, because I said, 'Love one another,' that I mean you to go so far as to cooperate even in bad actions with one another, for the law that I am laying down is just the reverse."
[Chrysostom (4th c.)]*

Hate evil and love good

"Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph." (Amos 5:15, ESV)

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1. Moral discernment
2. Brotherly devotion

Two Greek words

- philadelphia = philos + adelphos = love + brother
- philostorgos = philos + storge = love + family affection

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1. Moral discernment
2. Brotherly devotion
3. Fervent service
4. Joyful perseverance
5. Generous care

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Additional Information

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