

Stamp Out Hypocrisy ~ Romans 12:9-10

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To **hate** and **cling** call for emotional involvement and energetic action. **Turning AWAY from evil** means **turning TOWARD what is good** and **CLINGING to it**. LAB

Focus of vs. 9... Ingram

- - Love must be
- - HATE what is evil, to what is good

IMPLICATIONS

John 13:34-35 (NIV) A new command I give you: Love one another. AS I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this ALL men will know that you are my disciples, IF you love one another.

The Christian's LOVE should be... Hughes

- - that loves in spite of the circumstances
- - that decides it will be an
- - even if it is rejected
- - not counterfeit

➔ **Always speak** - in the Context of

1 Peter 4:7-8 (NIV) The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸ Above all, LOVE each other DEEPLY, because love COVERS over a multitude of sins.

Love does NOT ignore the reality of sin, it does not justify or condone sin. Confrontation of sin is appropriate and necessary, especially when we demonstrate love. However, it is just as important to demonstrate a willingness to forgive and then to move on. HNTC

Delight in HONORING Others ~ Romans 12:9-10

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¹⁰ Let us have real warm affection for one another as between brothers... (JBP)

¹⁰...Outdo one another in **showing honor**. (HCS)

Only those who are offering themselves **daily as a living sacrifice** to God can possibly carry out the command to Honor one another **above yourselves**. HNTC

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- - be devoted to each other
- - outdo each other in showing honor

IMPLICATIONS

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Philippians 2:5-8 (HCS) Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. ⁷ Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, ⁸ He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death - even to death on a cross.

John 13:1 (NIV) ...Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love.

John 13:14-15 (NIV) Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that **you should do as I have done for you**.

¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. (NLT)

TAKE AWAY ??

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NIV) I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...**

^{3:17} Then Christ will **make His home** in your hearts **AS you trust in Him**. (NLT)

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.