

## Rom. 12:9-21

- I. Have genuine love, demonstrated in a variety of ways (9-13)
  - A. Love should be genuine/unhypocritical (9a)
  - B. Some ways how we can demonstrate genuine love (9b-13)
    - 1. Strongly abhorring what is evil (9b)
    - 2. Clinging to what is good (9c)
    - 3. Being devoted to one another with brotherly love (10a)
    - 4. Exceeding one another with honor (10b)
    - 5. Not being lazy in earnestness/diligence (11a)
    - 6. Being enthusiastic in spirit (11b)
    - 7. Serving the Lord (11c)
    - 8. Rejoicing in hope (12a)
    - 9. Enduring in affliction (12b)
    - 10. Persisting in prayer (12c)
    - 11. Sharing toward the needs of the saints (13a)
    - 12. Striving for hospitality (13b)
- II. Overcome evil by being good and doing good to others (14-21)
  - A. Doing good to others, in attitude and action (14-20)
    - 1. Bless, not curse, those who persecute you (14)
      - a Bless those persecuting you (14a)
      - b Specifically: Bless, not curse (14b-c)
        - 1) Pos: Bless (14b)
        - 2) Neg: And do not curse (14c)
    - 2. Having a charitable and sympathetic attitude toward others (15-16c)
      - a Show genuine sympathy with people (15)
        - 1) Rejoice with the ones rejoicing (15a)
        - 2) Weep with the ones weeping (15b)
      - b Having a charitable opinion of others (16a-c)
        - 1) Thinking the same toward one another (16a)
        - 2) Not being arrogant, but accommodating others (16b-c)
          - a) Neg: Not thinking the arrogant/haughty things (16b)
          - b) Pos: But accommodating to the humble ones (16c)
    - 3. Do good, not evil, but don't presume to control others (16d-20)
      - a Do not be wise in your own estimation (16d)
      - b Do good and don't avenge yourself (17-20)
        - 1) Do good and live at peace as much as you are able (17-18)
          - a) Don't do evil (even when deserved), but do good (17)
            - (1) Neg: paying back to no one evil for evil (17a)

- (2) Pos: paying careful attention to the things that are good in the estimation of all people (17b)
    - b) As much as you can, live at peace with all people (18)
      - (1) If it is possible from you [as far as it depends on you] (18a)
      - (2) Being at peace with all people (18b)
  - 2) Don't avenge yourself, but leave that to God (19-20)
    - a) Neg: Beloved, not avenging yourselves (19a)
    - b) Pos: But trust God to avenge you (19b-20)
      - (1) Trust God to avenge all wrongdoing (19b-f)
        - (a) But give opportunity for the wrath [of God] (19b)
        - (b) Scripture promises that God avenges wrongdoing (19c-f)
          - (i) For it is written: (19c)
          - (ii) God is the avenger of wrongdoing [not us] (19d-f)
            - ((a)) God promises to pay back in vengeance (19d-e)
              - ((i)) Vengeance is mine (19d)
              - ((ii)) I will pay back (19e)
            - ((b)) says the Lord (19f)
      - (2) By doing good to enemies, you assure God's wrath on them (20)
        - (a) Give your enemy what he needs (20a-d)
          - (i) Give your hungry enemy food (20a-b)
            - ((a)) If your enemy hungers (20a)
            - ((b)) Feed him (20b)
          - (ii) Give your thirsty enemy a drink (20c-d)
            - ((a)) If he [your enemy] thirsts (20c)
            - ((b)) give him to drink (20d)
        - (b) You will increase God's wrath on them by doing this (20e-f)
          - (i) By doing this (20e)
          - (ii) You will pile up burning coals upon his head (20f)
- B. Overcome evil with good, not be overcome by evil (21)
  - 1. Neg: Do not be conquered by evil (21a)
  - 2. Pos: But conquer the evil by the good (21b)