

Relationships that Matter Series: Message 5: “Our Loving Relationship with the Saints”

Romans 12:9-13

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I. Love **Sincerely** (vs 9)

II. Love **Detestably** (vs 9)

Proverbs 8:13 “The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.”

1 Thessalonians 5:22 “Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

Luke 11:34 “**The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body also *is* full of darkness.**”

Matthew 9:4 “And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, **Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?**”

III. Love **Receptively** (vs 9)

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.”

Philippians 4:9 “Those things, which ye have both **learned**, and **received**, and **heard**, and **seen** in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

IV. Love **Devotedly** (vs 10)

1 Thessalonians 4:9 “But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.”

V. Love **Preferably** (vs 10)

Philippians 2:3-4 “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. <sup>4</sup> Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”

VI. Love **Diligently** (vs 11)

Ecclesiastes 9:10 “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”

Hebrews 6:9-12 “But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. <sup>10</sup> For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. <sup>11</sup> And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: <sup>12</sup> That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

VII. Love **Fervently** (vs 11)

VIII. Love **Purposely** (vs 11)

IX. Love **Hopefully** (vs 12)

1 Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

X. Love **Patiently** (vs 12)

XI. Love **Prayerfully** (vs 12)

1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

1 Timothy 2:8 “I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.”

XII. Love **Generously** (vs 13)

XIII. Love **Hospitably** (vs 13)

XIV. The **Loving** Application

- a. Look
- b. Listen
- c. Live

Richard Baxter “...The knowledge of God, and the remembrance of his all-seeing presence, are the most powerful means against hypocrisy.”