

The Powerful Testimony of Genuine Love for All Men, Pt 1
Romans 12:9-16

*When the scenes of life shift about us like the backdrops in a play,
Were our hope in the things that surround us, in the things that pass away
We should then be full of confusion, without hope and in dismay.
What a joy instead to be anchored to the rock that will ever stay!
Then we will press onward for Christ is still the same.
What He was in ages past is what He will remain.
And forevermore that is what He will be...
He's an unchanging Savior.*

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What unifies verses 9-21?

- Everything in verses 9-21 is a _____ to the mercies of God.
- Everything in verses 9-21 is related to _____.

John 13:34

- Everything in verses 9-21 illustrates _____.

Let love be genuine

"It is difficult to express how ingenious almost all men are in counterfeiting a love which they do not really possess."¹

Matthew 5:44, 46

Abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

1 Peter 2:7

1 Peter 2:17

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

2 Cor. 5:14-15

Rejoice in hope

¹ Mounce, R. H. (1995). [Romans](#) (Vol. 27, p. 236). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

Romans 5:1-5

Romans 8:18-25

1 Corinthians 13:7

be patient in tribulation,

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be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints

1 John 3:16

Seek to show hospitality.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

1 Cor. 12:26

Live in harmony with one another.

John 13:35

Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

“the admonition is to get off one’s high horse and come to grips with reality. There are both humble tasks and ordinary people who need our attention. To withdraw from either is to allow pride to control our lives.”²

Never be wise in your own sight.

“The person who is wise in his own eyes is rarely so in the eyes of other people.”³

“We just assume that anybody that disagrees with us must be wrong.”⁴

This leads “us to think that we are always right and others wrong and that our opinions matter more than others.”⁵

“Humility is: to be able to listen to people and give an honest hearing and consideration to what they are saying.”⁶

² Mounce, R. H. (1995). [Romans](#) (Vol. 27, p. 240). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

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⁴ Sproul, R. C. (1994). [The Gospel of God: An Exposition of Romans](#) (p. 205). Great Britain: Christian Focus Publications.

⁵ Moo, D. J. (1996). [The Epistle to the Romans](#) (p. 783). Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

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