

"Let It Be"

Romans 12: 9 - 21

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- God Requires That His Children Live In Genuine Love, Not Be "Bad Actors", (vs. 9 - 21)
 - Love Unhypocritical Is Always Devoted, (vs. 9 - 13)
 - "Genuine, (un / hypo / critical)" **αὐτοκρίτος**, originally to be inexperienced in acting, (vs. 9a)
 - *"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by **swerving** from these, have **wandered** away into vain discussion, **desiring** to be teachers of the law, without **understanding** either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions." (1 Timothy 1:5-7)*
 1. We must be experienced at rejecting the of corrupting others, (vs. 9b)
 2. We must be experienced at being joined with what is wholesome, (vs. 9c)
 3. We must be experienced at tenderness toward the family, (vs. 10a)
 4. We must be experienced at going out of our way in honoring others, (vs. 10b)
 - 5. We must be experienced at instantly affirming Christ as our Lord, (vs. 11)
 - Do not hesitate to diligently show Christ as a priority, (vs. 11a)
 - *"But his master **answered** him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my **coming** I should have received what was my own with interest." (Matthew 25:26-27)*
 - Boil over in your willingness to do anything & everything to honor Christ, (vs. 11b)
 - *"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be **hated** by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will **fall** away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will **arise** and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be **increased**, the love of many will grow **cold**. But the one who **endures** to the end will be **saved**. And this gospel of the kingdom will be **proclaimed** throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:9-14)*
 - Attend to every detail that brings Christ glory, (vs. 11c)
 - *"Slaves are to be **submissive** to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not **argumentative**, not **pilfering**, but **showing** all good faith, so that in everything they may **adorn** the doctrine of God our Savior." (Titus 2:9-10)*
 - *"Therefore let us be **grateful** for **receiving** a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable **worship**, with reverence and awe, for our God is a **consuming** fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29)*
 - 6. We must be experienced at rejoicing in what Christ has promised, (vs. 12a)
 - 7. We must be experienced at enduring patiently when opposition to those promises comes, (vs. 12b)
 - 8. We must be experienced at remaining constantly in connection with God, (vs. 12c)
 - 9. We must be experienced at providing relief to those who are struggling for Christ's sake, (vs. 13a)
 - 10. We must be experienced at exhibiting openness & acceptance toward those God brings, (vs. 13b)
 - Love Unhypocritical Always Blesses Those Who Persecute, (vs. 14 - 16)
 - Love Unhypocritical Never Pays Back Evil For Evil, (vs. 17 - 18)
 - Love Unhypocritical Never Takes Its Own Revenge, (vs. 19 - 20)
 - Love Unhypocritical Is Never Overcome By Evil, (vs. 21)