

"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)" **αὐτοκριτιος**, 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."
 - 6. We must be experienced at rejoicing in what Christ has promised, (vs. 12a)
 - *"Therefore my heart is GLAD, and my whole being REJOICES; my flesh also DWELLS secure.*
 - *For you will not ABANDON my soul to Sheol, or LET your holy one see corruption.*
 - *You make KNOWN to me the path of life;*
 - *in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."* (Psalm 16:9-11)
 - 7. We must be experienced at enduring patiently when opposition to those promises comes, (vs. 12b)
 - *"BE STILL before the Lord and WAIT patiently for him;*
 - *fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,*
 - *over the man who carries out evil devices!*
 - *REFRAIN from anger, and FORSAKE wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.*
 - *For the evildoers shall be CUT off,*
 - *but those who wait for the Lord shall INHERIT the land."* (Psalm 37:7-9)
 - 8. We must be experienced at remaining constantly in connection with God, (vs. 12c)
 - *"In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer. So they REWARD me evil for good, and hatred for my love."* (Psalm 109:4-5)
 - 9. We must be experienced at providing relief to those who are struggling for Christ's sake, (vs. 13a)
 - *" We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been GIVEN among the churches of Macedonia,*
 - *for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.*
 - *For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,*
 - *begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints"* (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)
 - 10. We must be experienced at exhibiting openness & acceptance toward those God brings, (vs. 13b)
 - *"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.*
 - *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:*
 - *whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God;*
 - *whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies*
 - *—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."* (1 Peter 4:9-11)

- 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)