

"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)
 - Love Unhypocritical Always Blesses Others Unconditionally, (vs. 14 - 16)
 - We must be experienced at blessing those who seek to harm us, (vs. 14)
 - ✚ *"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:44-48)*
 - We must be experienced at blessing others with personal connectedness, (vs. 15)
 - ✚ *"which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it," (1 Corinthians 12:24)*
 - ✚ *"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body." (Hebrews 13:3)*
 - We must be experienced at blessing one another with harmony, (vs. 16a); *"Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:11-14)*
 - ✚ Arrogance is not harmonious, (vs. 16b)
 - ❖ *"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." (Romans 12:3)*
 - ✚ Walking together in humility is harmonious, (vs. 16c)
 - ❖ *"If I have rejected the cause of my manservant or my maidservant, when they brought a complaint against me, what then shall I do when God rises up? When he makes inquiry, what shall I answer him? Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?" (Job 31:13-15)*
 - ✚ Autonomy is not harmonious, (vs. 16d)
 - ❖ *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)*

- 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)