

Live by... Love
Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 20:28, Galatians 5:13

We love by

1. Hating evil. *Romans 12:9, Matthew 12:34-35*

Do you show sincerity in how you care for others? Yes No.
What can you do to grow in this area?

2. Honoring others. *Romans 12:10, 1 Timothy 5:17*

Who do you need to honor today?

3. Showing enthusiasm. *Romans 12:11, 1 Peter 4:10-11*

Ephesians 3:20-21, Philippians 2:12-13

Where do you need to show more excitement in serving?

4. Sharing with others. *Romans 12:13, Matthew 6:19-21*

Romans 12:14-21, 1 Peter 4:7-10

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4-8 year olds views on love:

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."

"Love is when someone hurts you. And you get so mad but you don't yell at him because you know it would hurt his feelings."

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

"Love is when mommy sees daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redbird."

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones."

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How can you serve Christ without serving people?

Matthew 20:28 NLT For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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Galatians 5:13 NLT For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

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Romans 12:9 NLT Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

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We love by 1. Hating evil.

"To my two daughters, Frances Marie and Denise Victoria, by reason of their bad attitude toward a dotting father, I leave the sum of \$1 to each and a father's curse. May their lives be fraught with misery, unhappiness, and sorrow. May their deaths be soon and of a lingering malignant and torturous nature. May their souls rest in hell and suffer the torments of the condemned for eternity." Mr. Donohoe.

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Matthew 12:34-35 NLT You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. ³⁵ A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.

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“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” - Sir Edmund Burke

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil, is that Christians do nothing!

**Do you show sincerity in how you care for others?
What can you do to grow in this area?**

Romans 12:10 NLT Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

1 Timothy 5:17 NLT Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching.

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We love by honoring others.

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Who do you need to honor today?

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Romans 12:11 NLT Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

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We love by showing enthusiasm.

1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

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Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 2:12-13 NLT Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Romans 12:11 NLT Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Where do you need to show more excitement in serving?

Romans 12:13 NLT When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

We love by Sharing with others.

Matthew 6:19-21 NIV Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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Romans 12:14-21 NLT Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! ¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. ²⁰ Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." ²¹ Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

1 Peter 4:7-10 NLT The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. ⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.⁹ Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

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