

## LET MY LOVE BE REAL ~ Romans 12:9-10

→ Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-10, John 13:34-35, 1 Peter 4:7-8

### AUTHENTIC LOVE ~ Romans 12:9

[9] Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. [10] Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

**Vs. 9 SUMMARY...** Ingram

- **Authenticity** - Love must be SINCERE
- **Purity** - HATE what is evil CLING to what is good

### APPLICATION

**John 13:34-35** (NIV) A new command I give you: **Love one another**. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. [35] By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Christians are to show *to others* - a Godlike LOVE that loves in spite of of the circumstances, a deliberate love that decides it will keep loving even if it is rejected. Our love is to be genuine, not counterfeit. K Hughes

→ **Always speak TRUTH in the CONTEXT of Relationship**

**1 Peter 4:7-8** (NIV) The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. [8] Above all, **LOVE each other DEEPLY**, because **love COVERS over a multitude of sins**.

Love does not ignore the reality of sin, it does not justify or condone sin. Confrontation of sin is appropriate and necessary, especially when we demonstrate love. However, it is just as important to demonstrate a willingness to forgive and then to move on. Holman NT Com

### DEVOTION AND HUMILITY ~ Romans 12:10

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Only those who are offering themselves daily as a living sacrifice to God can possibly carry out the command to Honor one another above yourselves. Holman NT Com

**Vs. 10 SUMMARY...** Ingram

- **Devotion** - be devoted to each other
- **Humility** - outdo each other in showing honor

## APPLICATION

**Philippians 2:5-8** (HCS) Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, [6] who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. [7] Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, [8] He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death - even to death on a cross.

**John 13:1** (NIV) ...Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

**John 13:14-15** (NIV) Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. [15] I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

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

## TAKE AWAY ??

**Ephesians 3:16-17** (NIV) I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...**

[3:17] Then Christ will **make his home** in your hearts as you trust in him. (NLT)

**Psalms 139:23-24** (NLT) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. [24] Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.