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**HOW TO LOVE  
WITHOUT HYPOCRISY**

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In Romans 12:9, Paul mentions that our love should be “without hypocrisy”. In other words it should not just be a façade, or a show of concern. He then goes on to describe how we go about loving in this way. Here are the actions (this kind of love is a verb) he mentions:

- Abhor (hate) what is evil and cling to what is good (v. 9)
- Be kindly affectionate and honor each other (v. 10)
- Be diligent and fervent in spirit while serving the Lord (v. 11)
- Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, steadfast in prayer (v. 12)
- Help each other and practice hospitality (v. 13)
- Bless those who give you problems (v. 14)
- Rejoice with happy people and cry with sad people (v. 15)
- Reciprocate good thoughts of each other, do not be condescending, do not think you are better or smarter than others (v. 16)
- Never pay back evil with evil; always seek the best in situations and people (v. 17)
- Live in peace to the degree that you can affect circumstances (v. 18)
- Never take vengeance when others have wronged you (v. 19)
- Do good to those who do you wrong (v. 20)
- Stand up to evil by doing something good (v. 21)

If we love this way, God knows we are sincere towards Him and to our fellow man. May we all strive to “love without hypocrisy”.