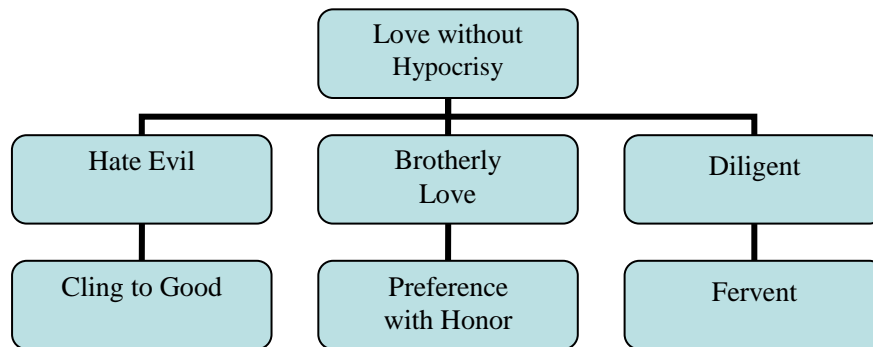


“Don’t Curb Your Enthusiasm”

Romans 12:10b-11a

- I. Love without Hypocrisy in the Church
Romans 12:9-16



- II. Preference with Honor: from Brotherly Love
Romans 12:10

- A. A Demonstration of Devoted Brotherly Love: Genuine, Not _____.

“Honor” = Greek *“time”* (tee-may) = “value, money paid, price, precious, to esteem”

Not: “to flatter, to give hypocritical praise to receive a compliment back, to gain another’s favor”

- Because:
1. Christ and the Spirit _____ in other believers;
 2. Christ’s _____ toward believers; Philippians 2
 3. All men created in the _____ of God.

“Preference” = “to go before, to lead” = _____ one another in giving honor.

The world: Seeks to attract and attain honor for self!
 The Christian: Seeks to deflect honor from self; to give honor to others!

3 John 9; Mark 10:35-45; Matthew 23:1-7, 11-12; Philippians 2:3

Giving preference in honor to others builds _____ in the church by crushing _____.

- How?
1. Be quick to imitate _____;
 2. Be quick with genuine admiration and _____;
 3. Be quick to show _____;
 4. Be quick to acknowledge the _____ of others;
 5. Be quick to love by not being _____.
 6. Be quick to draw attention to _____, not to yourself.

III. Christian Living with Diligence and Fervency Romans 12:11

A. "No lagging behind in diligence," referring to _____

1. "lagging behind" = "lazy, slothful, slow, idle, not prompt in mind or activity"
2. "diligence" = "haste, intensity, ardor of mind, industrious, hardworking, to dispatch eagerly, with speed"
3. **Matthew 25:16; Acts 20:34-35; Romans 12:8; Ecclesiastes 9:10; John 5:17; 9:4; Ephesians 5:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13; Hebrews 6:10-12**

B. "Fervent in (the) spirit," referring to _____

1. Greek text has definite article "the" before spirit = The Holy Spirit
2. Literally means "to _____, to be hot, but not to the point of loss of control"
3. Paul is pointing to _____-produced fervency, not human effort
4. Having necessary _____ to get the work done.
5. Lack of enthusiasm in the Christian life is _____!
Acts 18:25; 1 Corinthians 9:26; Galatians 6:9; Colossians 1:29

C. Principles and Lessons

1. Whatever is done for the Lord, must be done with _____.
1 Corinthians 10:31; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 5:17; 9:4
2. Enthusiasm, fervency, and zeal for the Lord is a _____.
Psalm 90:12; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27: requires _____.
3. Laziness and indifference prevent _____ and allow _____ to prosper.
Proverbs 18:9