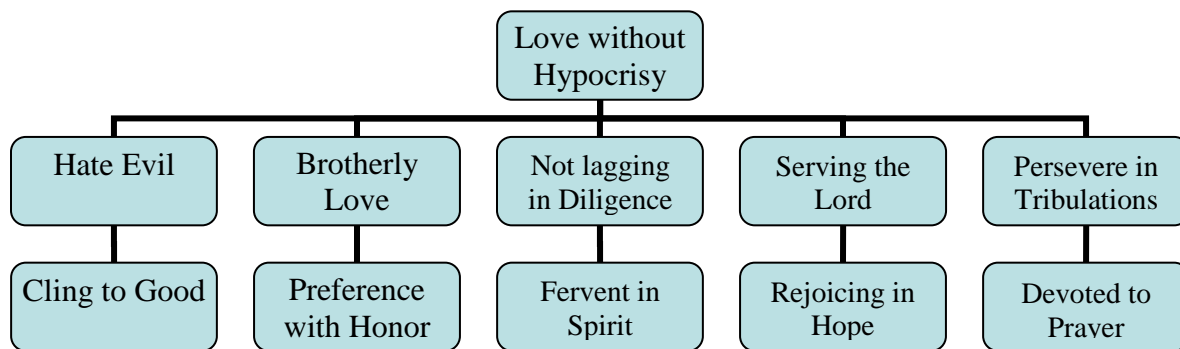


# *“Perseverance and Prayer”*

## *Romans 12:12*

- I. Love without Hypocrisy in the Church  
Romans 12:9-13



- II. Persevere in Tribulations

- A. Persevere because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Tribulation is \_\_\_\_\_ that squeezes.

Persevere means \_\_\_\_\_; steady under pressure.

This is not the normal pressures of everyday living, but troubles that come to followers of Christ because of their faith in Him. **Matthew 5:10-12; John 15:20; 16:33; 1 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12**

- C. Tribulations provide rich \_\_\_\_\_ blessings to Christians.  
**Romans 5:2-5; 8:18-25; James 1:2-4, 12; Philippians 3:20; 1 John 2:15**

## III. Devoted to Prayer

**1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6; Acts 2:42; 6:4**

A. Context of Romans 12:12 is: God uses \_\_\_\_\_ to drive His people to prayer.

B. “Devoted” prayer is not *occasional* prayer, but \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer = “to abide in, to be constantly diligent, courageously persistent, hold fast and not let go.”  
**Colossians 4:2**

C. Six Marks of Courageous, Devoted, Persistent Prayer in **Ephesians 6:18:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Now What?**

1. Remember that lack of prayer is a sign of sinful pride which says “I don’t need God.” Prayer is a mark of humility that says “I need God.” See Romans 12:1-8 for pride and humility.
  - a. Confess your lack of prayer as sin to God.
  - b. Resolve to grow in the practice of prayer.
  - c. Ask someone to teach you how to pray if you do not know how. See Luke 11:1.
  - d. Understand that regular, devoted prayer is a *discipline*. It takes time and effort!
  - e. Identify the days of the week and the time of day you will practice regular prayer.
  - f. Use a list or journal to record what you will pray for. *Write it down*.
  - g. Review your prayer list and check off prayers that God has answered.
  - h. Optional: Identify a prayer partner to pray with at least once a week.