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Wait! There's More! The Good Life: God's Love Manifest In Us Romans 12:9-21

Introduction

- 1. Mark 12:28-33
- 2. John 3:16
- 3. John 13:34-35
- 4. 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13
- 5. The Good Life is God's love for Christians (His people) and for the world made manifest in and through us!
- A. Theme: Christians demonstrate genuine love by consistently, actively, and intentionally rejecting evil and choosing good. 12:9
- B. Examples Of Genuine Love 12:10-20
 - 1. Genuine love places others before self. (10)
 - a. Galatians 6:10
 - b. Philippians 2:3
 - $2. \quad Genuine \ love \ constantly \ serves \ the \ Lord. \ (11)$
 - 3. Genuine love transforms trials. (12)
 - a. It is joyful not because things are good, but because it has hope of God's action.
 - b. It shows endurance or patience because it knows that God will intervene.
 - c. It continues to pray as an evidence of this hope and endurance.
 - 4. Genuine love is generous to the needy, even strangers. (13)

- 5. Genuine love responds to evildoers with blessing. (14)
 Matthew 5:44
 Jesus, Luke 23:34
 Stephen, Acts 7:60
 Paul, 1 Corinthians 4:12-13
- 6. Genuine love reaches out in the good times as well as the bad times. (15)
- 7. Genuine love creates harmony through unity and humility. (16)
 - a. Harmony is not uniformity.
 It is differences working in unity.
 - b. Philippians 2:1-4
- 8. Genuine love does not respond to evil with evil but does what is right. (17)
- 9. Genuine love creates peacemakers. (18)
 - a. Hebrews 12:14
- 10. Genuine love is not overcome by evil by leaving justice to God. (19)
- 11. Genuine love conquers evil with good. (20-21)

CONCLUSION