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Sincere Love Series #1

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Romans 12:9-12 ⁹Love must be sincere. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Outdo yourselves in honoring one another. ¹¹Do not let your zeal subside; keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, persistent in prayer. (BSB)

Mark 12:30-31 ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. We must not put on **fronts**. Our love must be real. V.9
- B. We must stay away from gray areas in our **morality**. V.9
- C. We cannot keep our loving actions to our **blood** families. V.10
- D. We must look for **opportunities** to lift up and encourage one another. V.10
- E. We must work at keeping our **passion** to love others vibrant. V.11
- F. We find hidden strength in serving God instead of finding it in the **feedback** that we get from others. V.11
- G. We keep our **joy** by seeing the big picture of our future rewards. V.12
- H. We never give up when **times** get hard. V.12
- I. We must **persist** in seeking God's will through prayer. V.12

II. How can we apply these truths to our life to help us be more loving?

- A. **Evaluate** how you are coming across to those within your realm of influence.
- B. **Choose** a few non-essential behaviors that are not advancing the Kingdom of God to eliminate from your life.
- C. **Show** kind actions to those who cannot reciprocate.
- D. **Allow** tough times to hone your faith not destroy it.
- E. **Make** a concentrated effort to pray. Keep your prayers from being a never ending wish list.