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## **Inspired Life**

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**Romans 12:9-13** <sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Outdo yourselves in honoring one another. <sup>11</sup>Do not let your zeal subside; keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, persistent in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the saints who are in need. Practice hospitality. (BSB)

### **I. Here are the details of this passage.**

- A.** Our love for others must be free from hidden **agendas**. V. 9
- B.** Our priorities must be **aligned** with what God's priorities are. V. 9
- C.** Our **connection** to one another must be as family. V. 10
- D.** We must seek to **lift** one another up. V. 10
- E.** We must finish **strong** by serving the Lord. V. 11
- F.** We must have inner strength that comes from believing that the **best** is yet to come. V. 12
- G.** We must have a **healthy** prayer life. V. 12
- H.** We must become **sharers** of what we have been blessed with. V. 13

### **II. How can we apply these truths?**

- A.** We can begin to renew our love for others by **reflecting** on the love that God has for us. It is hard to give if you haven't received.
- B.** We must deal with past **wounds** from family members. If your heart is hard towards family, it will be impossible to expand family to include fellow believers.
- C.** We must have a healthy **view** of ourselves so that we are not threatened by others receiving praise.
- D.** We must learn to **serve** because God has given to us first.
- E.** We must allow God's **future** promises to affect us right now.
- F.** We need to **expand** our prayer focus.
- G.** We must see our **resources** as God's that He has given to us to use for His kingdom.