

ROMANS—Part 78

Romans 12:9

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1. Hypocrisy is completely incompatible with agapē love; the two cannot coexist.
 2. What you truly love shapes your behavior.
 3. Genuine love is so integral to our faith that it is the measuring rod for authentic salvation (1 John 3:14).
 4. Love is more important to a believer in Jesus than any other spiritual gift (Galatians 5:22).
 5. To legitimately love God is to look on evil with horror.
 6. Unfortunately, we are part of a culture shaped by Satan, who lulls many into a state of complacent tolerance for whatever deviant behavior is in vogue.
 7. By its very nature, love cannot approve of unrighteousness (1 Corinthians 13:6; Psalms 97:10).
 8. A Christian who genuinely loves the Lord will genuinely abhor wicked actions, thoughts, and temptations in any form.
 9. When a faithful believer wanders into sin, his/her inner, godly self identifies it and decisively disapproves (Romans 7:14-15, 19-21).
 10. We cannot flirt with sin and hope to escape it (1 Thessalonians 5:22; Psalm 1:1)
 11. It is impossible to pursue righteousness and, at the same time, tolerate evil (2 Timothy 2:22).

