



# Going Deeper

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## Big idea

Because of God's mercy in the gospel, believers are called to love sincerely, pursue unity, and compete in honoring one another as members of Christ's body.

## Sermon recap

### Love Without Hypocrisy (Verse 9)

Paul commands love without a mask. The word comes from the theater world—no acting, no performance. Christian love must be sincere, not convenient or fake.

### Hate Evil, Cling to Good (Verse 9)

Paul uses strong language. We are to hate evil with moral revulsion and glue ourselves to what is good. Biblical love is not sentimental softness.

### Family-Level Affection (Verse 10)

The church is called to brotherly love—deep, family-level tenderness. Not based on preference or personality, but covenant commitment. In a culture built on status, believers are to outdo one another in showing honor.

### Boiling in Spirit (Verse 11)

We are not called to be lukewarm. Paul describes a life that “boils” in spirit—alive, engaged, and fully devoted to serving the Lord.

### Bless, Don't Curse (Verse 14)


Believers are called beyond peaceful tolerance. We are commanded to bless those who persecute us—intentionally seeking their good, even when they seek harm.

### Rejoice and Weep (Verse 15)

We rejoice in the blessings of others without comparison. We weep with those who suffer without indifference. Gospel love enters fully into the joys and sorrows of others.

### Unity Through Humility (Verse 16)

Unity is not uniformity but shared submission to Christ. Pride fractures churches faster than false doctrine. Humility protects harmony.

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## How to go deeper this week

### Day 1 — Sincere Love

**Read:** Romans 12:9; 1 John 3:18

**Reflect:** Is there any area where your love has been performative rather than genuine?

**Pray:** Ask God to remove any hypocrisy from your heart.

### Day 2 — Moral Clarity

**Read:** Romans 12:9; Psalm 97:10

**Reflect:** Do you hate what God calls evil, or have you grown comfortable with it?

**Practice:** Identify one area where you need to cling more closely to what is good.

### Day 3 — Competing in Honor

**Read:** Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3-4

**Reflect:** Who can you intentionally elevate this week?

**Practice:** Take one concrete action to honor someone above yourself.

### Day 4 — Blessing Enemies

**Read:** Romans 12:14; Matthew 5:44

**Reflect:** Is there someone difficult in your life you need to bless?

**Pray:** Ask God to help you seek their good sincerely.

### Day 5 — Guarding Unity

**Read:** Romans 12:16; Proverbs 3:7

**Reflect:** Has pride subtly entered your heart?

**Pray:** Ask God to protect our church through humility and kindness.

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## Practical applications


- **Take off the mask** – Refuse performative Christianity. Let your love be sincere and visible in action.
- **Pursue unity intentionally** – Unity is not optional for the body of Christ. Guard it through humility.
- **Compete in honor** – Look for opportunities to elevate others rather than yourself.
- **Bless difficult people** – Move beyond tolerance and actively seek the good of those who oppose you.
- **Protect the church from pride** – Conceit fractures fellowship. Humility preserves harmony.

## Reflection and discussion

1. Why is sincere love foundational to everything else in this passage?
2. What is the difference between sentimental love and biblical love?
3. How can pride quietly undermine unity in a church?
4. What does it practically look like to “outdo one another” in honor?
5. Who is one person you need to intentionally bless this week?

## Scripture for further study

- Philippians 2:1–11 — Christ’s model of humility
- Matthew 5:43–48 — Loving your enemies
- 1 Corinthians 13:1–7 — The character of true love
- James 3:13–18 — Wisdom from above versus pride
- Ephesians 4:1–6 — Unity in the body

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