

PRACTICING CHRISTIANITY

Romans 12:9-13

Introduction:

The foundation, superstructure, and motivation for living the Christian life is based upon love. There's no way to live a Christian life without love for Christ, which prompts true love for others. There are 5 ways true love directs our Christian living.

I. (v. 9) LOVE DIRECTS OUR CHARACTER.

1. True love is without hypocrisy.
2. Love must be sincere and moral.
3. Love rejects sin and clings to the good.
4. Our love for righteousness is measured by hating sin.

II. (v. 10) LOVE DIRECTS OUR CONTACTS.

1. Christian, moral love prefers a brother above oneself.
2. Ephesians 4:32 – We're to be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving.
3. We're to have family-like affection for others.

III. (v. 11) LOVE DIRECTS OUR CONDUCT.

1. We are to be earnestly serving God and "on fire" for Him.
2. Fervent in spirit means *water brought to a boil*.

IV. (v. 12) LOVE DIRECTS OUR CONVICTIONS.

1. This verse is speaking of our convictions in three areas which include the following: Praise, Patience, and Prayer.
2. A Christian without convictions is a tool in Satan's hands.

V. (v. 13) LOVE DIRECTS OUR CONCERNS.

1. Love opens our eyes to the needs of Christians.
2. Love causes us to practice hospitality.

Conclusion:

The life we live at home and in the workplace should convince others that we are Christians.