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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Rom. 12:9-13** *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.* (NIV)

To truly experience a daily walk in His life, we **must** love like He loves. His love is a sincere love. Here are some indicators that show us whether we are loving others like He loves us. Our love must be sincere. The Greek word for *sincere* is **anupokritos** which means real and without hypocrisy. People can tell if you really love them.

One way we love sincerely is by *hating evil things*. They should be abhorrent to us. We can hate the sin and yet love the sinner. Let me give you an example. We have prayed for so many years that **Roe v. Wade** would be overturned. It finally was, and that brought on countless protests by people who think they should have absolute freedom to do whatever they want. The problem for us as Christians is that we are to love those people, just not their selfish desires. God sees every one of them as His special creation and He gave His life for all of their sins, just as He did for all of mine. They need to see compassion and concern from us, rather than the smugness that we sometimes exude. We are to cling to everything that is good. Don't let go of these things.

Another way we can show this love is by *honoring others*. This Greek word is **timeo** which means to place great value upon. We need to speak up and let people hear that they are worthwhile. People need to know that they are loved and that they are valuable to God. We are to not be lacking in zeal. The Greek word is **zeotes** which means fervent or to bring to a boiling point. What we do and who we are as Christians, should come from a heart that is fervently serving the Master. The end result of all of this is that we will love others like the Father loves us. This unconditional love will make a huge impact upon others.

**Dear LORD, help us to sincerely love others the way that You have loved us. Help us to see them and love them the way that You love. This is a difficult task unless we are constantly reminded that You love us in the very same manner. In Jesus Name, Amen**