

# Hypocritical Love

Romans 12:9-21

Hypocrisy is an external show or act that doesn't correspond to one's internal disposition or heart. The word hypocrite means stage actor or pretender.

Is your private life very different from your public life?

Eventually your private life will become public (Num. 32:23)

**You ought to be genuine in your love.**

How can you know if your love is genuine? Do you ...

**H\_\_\_\_\_ evil 9a**– not one act but as a lifestyle

**H\_\_\_\_\_ fast to good 9b** – bind yourself to that which is right

**H\_\_\_\_\_ concern for the wellbeing of others 10-13**

Outdo one another in showing honor

Not lazy in zeal and intensity

Fervent in spirit

Serve the Lord

Rejoice in hope

Patient in trials

Devoted to prayer

Contribute to needs of saints

Practice hospitality

**H\_\_\_\_\_ seek to get along with others 14-21**

Never return evil for evil

Always respect what is right

Live in peace with everyone if possible

Never avenge yourself

Overcome evil with good

**Ways to find the areas you need to work on.**

Is my love for God heartfelt?

Do I exempt myself from practicing these principles with certain people?

Am I willing to give up my rights to be of help to others?

The popular safety phrase today is "Do not put anything on the internet today that you do not want public tomorrow."

God's plan is to not be a hypocrite today and do things in your private life that you are against in your public life.

Your kids know you for what you are in private.

God knows what you are in private.

One day others will know too.

1 Cor. 13:4 Love suffereth long, *and* is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, <sup>5</sup> Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; <sup>6</sup> Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; <sup>7</sup> Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.