



## MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **LOVING PEOPLE WITHIN THE FAMILY**  
Series: **TRANSFORMED: GOD'S POWER CHANGES EVERYTHING.**  
Text: **Romans 12:9-13. SPEAKER: Kevin T. Hardy**

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Cor. 13:4-8*

### 5 WAYS TO LOVE YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### 1. LOVE SHOULD BE \_\_\_\_\_ - WITHOUT HYPOCRISY

Love must be **sincere**. Rom. 12:9

*"Above all, love each other deeply" (1 Peter 4:8)*

*"All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another" (John 13:35).*

#### 2. LOVE SHOULD BE BASED ON \_\_\_\_\_

**Hate** what is evil; **cling** to what is good. (Ro 12:9)

*There are six things **the LORD hates**, seven that are **detestable to him**: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers. Proverbs 6:16-19*

#### 3. LOVE SHOULD BE LIKE \_\_\_\_\_

**Be devoted** to one another in **brotherly love**. (Ro 12:10).

- CHURCH FAMILY SHOULD RESEMBLE YOUR **NUCLEAR** FAMILY.

**Honor one** another above yourselves. (Ro 12:10).

- LOVE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE **INHERENT WORTH** OF EVERY PERSON.

ISSUES OF THE DAY: **IMMIGRATION, RACISM/PREJUDICE, ABORTION**

Do not forget to show **hospitality to strangers**, for by so doing some people have **shown hospitality to angels** without knowing it. Heb. 13:2

#### 4. LOVE SHOULD BE FILLED WITH \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE OF GOD'S PROMISES

Never be **lacking in zeal**, but keep your **spiritual fervor, serving the Lord**.<sup>12</sup> Be joyful in **hope**, **patient** in affliction, **faithful** in **prayer**. (Ro 12:11–12).

- NO ONE IS TOO FAR GONE AND NO SITUATION IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR GOD.

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**He will not grow tired or weary**, and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives **strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak**.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

but those **who hope in the LORD will renew their strength**.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and **not grow weary**,

they will walk and not be faint. Is. 40:8-31

#### 5. LOVE SHOULD BE TANGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_

**Share with God's people** who are in need. **Practice hospitality**. (Ro 12:13).

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but **does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:15-17

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and **sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?** 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue **but with actions and in truth**. 1John 3:16-18