

1. The word in Greek here, genuine, means to be without hypocrisy. Because of our sinful hearts, it is easy to speak words of love in public while secretly hating each other in private. But there is something God commands us to hate: evil.
2. Following Christ, not only are we to love our brothers and sisters in Christ, but we are also to love with brotherly affection. We show affection for others when we love them deeply. Being around them brings us joy. When we cannot be around them, we miss them and are excited to see them again.
3. Through the power of the living and abiding Word of God, we are born again onto new spiritual life and are now able to have sincere brotherly love for one another from a pure heart.
4. We also desire to outdo one another in showing honor to one another. Honoring one another means to count others more significant than ourselves. This is only possible when we are unselfish and humble. We are to place the good of our brothers and sisters in Christ above our own good.
5. As we seek to present our bodies living sacrifices to God we are to do it with passion, serving our Lord Jesus with everything we have.
6. We are to rejoice in the great hope that we have in the glory of God, being patient in our tribulations, and in our hope and through our tribulations being constantly praying for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ because of the love that God has poured into our hearts for them.
7. Because of this genuine, supernatural love, we will use our resources to take care of the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ in our church and to welcome them into our homes.
8. When we are persecuted, and even when we feel persecuted, we are to bless others around us. No matter how badly we feel mistreated, we are to be constantly looking for ways to bless those around us instead of cursing them.
9. When your brother or sister in Christ rejoices, be ready to celebrate the blessings of God with them. And when your brother or sister weeps with great loss, let your tears flow abundantly because of their pain.
10. God commands that we live in harmony with each other, and for that to happen, we must not be arrogant. We should be willing to associate with all of our brothers in Christ no matter where they are at. And we must never consider ourselves so wise in our own sight that we cannot listen to each other, even when we disagree.

### Application

1. Listen to Paul's warning: Let your love be without hypocrisy. Hate the evil in your own heart and cling to the good example of Jesus Christ.
2. Always try to put the good of your brothers and sisters in Christ above your own needs and desires.
3. Remember that Christ calls us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, not conforming to the world but instead becoming more and more like Jesus Christ.