Romans 12:9-10

Intro.:

Love Un-Hypocritically (genuine)

- I. Love without <u>hypocrisy</u> [anypokritos] undisguised (Luke 22:48)
 - A. Sincere not hypocritical

sine cera - w/o wax

B. **<u>Discerning</u>** - not gullible (Philippians 1:9)

Motive (Romans 12:3;1 John 3:16-18)

- C. <u>Active</u> (James 1:22, 25)
- II. Abhor evil/cling to good
 - A. <u>Abhor</u> [apostygeo] have a horror of

(Psalm 97:10a; Proverbs 8:13; Matthew 7:1, 5)

B. <u>**Good**</u> (Philippians 4:8)

(Matthew 19:5)

Cling [kollao] - glued to

God's will (v 2b)

III. <u>Devoted</u> in brotherly love

[*philostorgos*] - *devoted* - family [*philadelphia*]brotherly love God's family (Titus 3:5-7; Romans 8:15-17a)

IV. Preference in <u>honor</u> (Philippians 2:3-4)

[proēgeomai] - lead the way

 $[tim\bar{e}]$ - showing deference, reverence, respect

- V. Application
 - A. <u>Examine</u> yourself (James 3:14; 2 Corinthians 12:20)
 - 1. Motive
 - 2. Repentance
 - 3. Forgiveness
 - B. Remember the **cross** (Ephesians 4:32-5:2)
 - C. <u>Follow</u> the Holy Spirit's <u>lead</u> (Galatians 5:16-26)
 - 1. The flesh
 - 2. The Spirit
 - D. Know <u>love</u> (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

May it be said of us, that we have genuine love for one another, that we are horrified by evil and glued to what is good. That we love one another as family and that we try to out do one another in preference and honor.

Your Action Point(s): _____

Next week: Kelsey Jones is sharing.