

**Transformed Living: “Love in Action”
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⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹² **Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.**

¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

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Be patient in tribulation.

Be constant in prayer.

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Read Romans 12:1-21. Let’s focus on verse 13, Pursue/Practice hospitality. What observations can you make about hospitality from 1 Peter 4:8-9 and Hebrews 13:1-2? What is this command asking us to do?
- How does our hospitality reflect what God is doing? What observations can you make from Leviticus 19:33-34 and Psalm 106:6-8? What is the motivation for hospitality? The core component is that God welcomes sinners by his grace for his glory, not because of their goodness or conduct. Note Ephesians 2:11-12 (alienated, strangers), 15-16, 19. This is the ultimate act of hospitality.
- In light of what God has done, how can you practice hospitality today? How can you make the hospitality of God known to the world around you? Discuss with a friend some of your observations and practical applications.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Romans 12:1-21. Let’s focus on verse 10, “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.” The term for brotherly love (*philostorgos*) means “tender affection, particularly family affection.” What observations can you make from the following passages: 1 Peter 1:22; Philippians 1:8; 2 Corinthians 6:11-13; 1 Peter 5:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:26; Romans 16:16.
- For further work, see if you can distinguish the four basic kinds of love in the Greek language: *agape*, *philia* (*Philadelphia*), *eros*, *storge* (*philostorgos*).
- Discuss with a friend what you can do if you don’t feel this tender affection? Also, how can you develop in this area? Make some plans today to focus your heart and life on brotherly love. Look for evidence of God’s grace in the lives of others. Share with a friend what God is showing you.

Friday-Saturday

- Read Romans 12:1-21. Focus on verse 11, “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.” What is Paul focusing on by bringing up “don’t be slothful”? What does “zeal” mean and what does a “zealous” life look like? How does this passion and intensity impact a life of serving the Lord?
- How would you compare/contrast serving the Lord with serving the appetites (Romans 16:17-18), serving people in the wrong way (Ephesians 6:6-7), and serving the Law (Romans 7:6)?
- For further work, spend time with Romans 15:18; Colossians 1:28-29; and 1 Corinthians 15:10.
- What can you do today to serve the Lord with passion? Begin to put your thoughts into practice and share with someone what the Lord is doing.