

Reckless Love

“The Real Thing”

Rom. 12:9a: *“Love must be sincere.”*

How Do I Show Real Love in 2019?

1. **By practicing *holy hatred*.**

- **Rom. 12:9b:** *“Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”*

2. **By demonstrating *abnormal affection*.**

- **Rom. 12:10:** *“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”*

3. **By serving with an *infectious attitude*.**

- **Rom. 12:11-12:** *“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*

4. **By sharing my *livelihood & life*.**

- **Rom. 12:13:** *“Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”*

5. **By reacting with *gracious insaneness*.**

- **Rom. 12:14-21:** *“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’ ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

