

Wisdom From Love

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Romans 12:9 (ESV)
Let love be genuine.

We come to Romans 12, knowing that The Holy Spirit is powerfully moving in the church. However in this section on application, we are told to renew our minds and “Let love be genuine!” Look at love.

Importance of genuine Love!

1Cor.13:13 (NIV)

Now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Example and command for genuine, selfless, and self-sacrificing Love!

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Lesson: Genuine Love actually increases our wisdom. Therefore a renewed mind walks in love.

Romans 12:18 (ESV)

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

A. “Wisdom from Love” enables us to see with a pure heart!

Matthew 5:8 (ESV)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Pure heart does not hold any obstructions.
Genuine love has a pure heart able to see God.
Therefore, Genuine love gives us the ability to make good decisions because nothing clouds our vision. Therefore to have wisdom and the ability to make good decisions, we need to take time to purify our heart so we can see clearly.
This is the wisdom from love!

B. “Wisdom from Love” enables us to be an avenue of God’s behavior. Therefore,

1. Love does not participate in bad behavior.
2. Love does not enable bad behavior.
3. Love does not withhold truth concerning bad behavior.

This is the wisdom from love!

C. “Wisdom from Love” gives us strength to make **constructive decisions** with obstinate people. This important because of the erroneous attitude that a loving Christian can’t confront people with bad or foolish intentions.

1. Love recognizes obstinate behavior by identifying when people adjust the truth instead of adjusting to the truth.
2. Love has the wisdom and strength to create healthy space and boundaries with obstinate people. This is necessary for change to occur and necessary to identify change. This is necessary for health!

- 3. Love does not reengage with the obstinate until healthy space and boundaries have been FULLY complied with thus proving a changed heart.**
- 4. Love understands that Forgiveness is Given and Trust is Earned.**

Love has insight to recognize obstinate behavior and strength to make constructive decisions. This is the wisdom from love!

The Wisdom from Genuine Love comes from a changed heart. A changed heart comes from accepting Christ!

The Wisdom from Genuine Love!

2Cor.5:21 (NASB)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Prophetic Team
Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.