



“Love in Action”

Romans 12:9-13

In Romans 12:9-13 there are 13 different ways to put love into action. This section reads like a grocery list. There are 13 characteristics in 4 verses that Paul gives us at rapid fire. These 4 verses are like getting a drink out of a fire hydrant. These characteristics have been played out in front of me over my career as a Pastor at Canyon Springs. They remind me of stories of how the people here have illustrated this truth. Come this Sunday to see how the people here have lived out the phrase “Love in Action” and what we can learn from them.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. **Romans 12:9-13**

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If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. **Matthew 5:29-30**

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **Romans 12:10-11**

Joyful in hope, patient in affliction. **Romans 12:12**

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Psalms 118:24**

If we don't rejoice today, we will not rejoice at all. If we wait until conditions are perfect, we will still be waiting when we die. If we are going to rejoice, it must be this day. This is the day the Lord has made. **John Ortberg**

Faithful in prayer

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. **Philippians 4:6**

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