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A CHURCH KNOWN FOR LOVE

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1. LOVE AS A VALUE

⁹ [Let your] love be sincere (a real thing); hate what is evil [loathe all ungodliness, turn in horror from wickedness], but hold fast to that which is good.

Romans 12:9 (AMP)

2. LOVE AS AN ACTION

¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection [as members of one family], giving precedence and showing honor to one another.
¹¹ Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:9-13 (AMP)

2. LOVE AS AN ACTION

¹² Rejoice and exult in hope; be steadfast and patient in suffering and tribulation; be constant in prayer.

¹³ Contribute to the needs of God's people [sharing in the necessities of the saints]; pursue the practice of hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13 (AMP)

3. LOVE AS A RESPONSE

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude toward you]; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice [sharing others' joy], and weep with those who weep [sharing others' grief].

Romans 12:13-16 (AMP)

3. LOVE AS A RESPONSE

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty (snobbish, high-minded, exclusive), but readily adjust yourself to [people, things] and give yourselves to humble tasks. Never overestimate yourself or be wise in your own conceits.

Romans 12:13-16 (AMP)

4. LOVE AS A WITNESS

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is honest and proper and noble [aiming to be above reproach] in the sight of everyone.
¹⁸ If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for [God's] wrath;

Romans 12:17-21 (AMP)

4. LOVE AS A WITNESS

for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord.

²⁰ But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.

²¹ Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome (master) evil with good.

Romans 12:17-21 (AMP)