



Romans 12: The Other Love Chapter

Our Attitude of Service in Love

1. How love affects our relationship to God, vs. 1-2

A. We sacrifice our bodies to Him because of His mercies.

Love-Rom. 5:8	Hope-Rom. 5:5, 15:13	Security-1 John 5:13
Grace-Rom. 5:20	Patience-2 Pet. 3:9	Eternal life-Rom. 6:23
Holy Spirit-Rom. 8:9	Kindness-Rom. 11:22	Freedom-Rom. 8:21
Peace-Rom. 5:1	Glory- Rom. 11:36	Sonship-Rom. 8:17
Faith-Rom. 3:22	Reconciliation-Col. 1:20	Intercession-Rom. 8:26
Comfort-2 Cor. 1:3	Justification-Rom. 5:9	Forgiveness-Acts 10:43
Power-Rom. 1:6	Resurrection-Phil. 13;10	

B. We are giving God our bodies and minds, not conforming to the world.



C. We submit to God's will through the reading his Word daily.

2. How love affects our relationship to our gifts of the Spirit, vs 3-8

Some guidelines:

1. Present ourselves as a living sacrifice vs 1-2
2. Recognize that all believers, including yourself, have gifts vs 3
3. Pray for wisdom
4. Seek nothing (for yourself)
5. Examine your heart's desire
6. Seek confirmation
7. Look for the blessings of God
8. Wholeheartedly serve Him
9. Cultivate the gift as it becomes obvious

3. How love affects our relationship to believers, vs. 9-13

1. Devotion v 10: brotherly love
2. Unselfishness v10: Phil 2:3-4
3. Zeal v 11: John 3:2
4. Hope v 12: I John 3:2
5. Perseverance v 12: Heb. 10:36
6. Prayer v 12: Acts 7, Stephen's prayer while being stoned
7. Generosity v 13: John 13:17-18
8. Hospitality v 13

? So, what keeps us from loving this way?

- Fear: being rejected or ignored (remember we are Children of Christ and we do not need to fear)
- Passivity: we need to be spontaneous, love is creative and active, reach out with your gifts
- Preoccupied: we do not want to be bothered (to be blunt), some of the biggest blessings come when they are inconvenient.

Take a risk!

4. How love affects our relationship to enemies, vs 14-20

- Vs. 14-Don't react with human nature
- Vs. 15-16-Put yourself in their shoes
- Vs. 17-18-Look for the good in that person
- Vs. 18-Just know this may not work the way you want it to
- Vs. 19-Leave the revenge to God
- Vs. 20-Be sensitive to your enemy's needs-" doing so you heap burning coals on their head"

References to music;

Casting Crowns, All Because of Mercy

Matthew West, Do Something, YouTube video

https://youtu.be/B_RingG0IX8?si=Q-7jIM0L-QA5Y6sY