

A Personal Checklist for Loving Others
Romans 12:9-13
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An eleven-point checklist for loving others in the body of Christ.

Is your love sincere? (2 Corinthians 6:6; 1 Peter 1:22)

Love is service, not sentiment.

Do you hate all evil always? (Psalm 97:10; 119:104; 139:21; Jude 23)

We are called to hate.

Do you stubbornly cling to the good?

What is a moral chameleon?

Are you devoted to the family of God? (Matthew 10:37; Hebrews 10:25)

Christians are spiritually, closer than a physical family.

Do you honor others above yourself? (Philippians 2:3)

Can you play a good second fiddle? Can you show honor to others?

Are you eager and willing in Christian duties?

There is a progression of three attributes listed here.

Do joyful hope and expectancy mark your attitude? (1 Peter 1:3-6)

I like being with happy, hope-filled people.

Are you patient in affliction?

We have a place of security in all trials that can astonish other people.

Are you faithful in prayer? (Matthew 6:6; James 5:16c-18)

Our prayer life is like a garden. Others notice and enjoy the beauty of the garden.

Do you minister freely to the real needs of other Christians? (1 Jn 3:17; Heb 6:10)

Are you generous? Time, talents and treasure.

Do you love strangers? (Hebrews 13:2)

Hospitable means literally. Philoxenia, a lover of strangers.

Do you love your Christian brothers and sisters?

