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THEME: TESTIMONY

TOPIC: LOVE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY

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TEXT: ROMANS 12: 9 - 10

INTRODUCTION:

The topic is made up of two key words: **Love** 'the expression of strong affections, deep emotion or fondness of something or someone' and **Hypocrisy** 'a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not: behaviour that contradicts what one claims to believe or feel'. Therefore, **Love without Hypocrisy** refers to the love that is genuine, sincere, transparent and free from pretence, ulterior motives, or manipulation. It is the Christ kind of love. In **1 Timothy 1:5**, Apostle Paul describes it as love out of a pure heart.

This study will examine the topic under two distinct outlines

A) TRUE LOVE: (Genuine, Unconditional, Christlike kind of Love)

i. Attributes of True:

1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 8(NLT). There are sixteen (16) attributes of love highlighted in this Apostles Pauls writing to the Corinthians capture in this bible test. – Love is Patient, it is Kind, It is not Jealous, It is not Boastful, It is not Proud; it is not Rude, it does not Demand its Own Way. It is not Easily Angered, Does not Keep Record of Wrong, Does not Celebrate Wrong, It Celebrates the Truth; It never gives up, It never losses faith, It is always hopeful, It Endures trials and It never fails.

In addition to the characteristics of True Love highlighted in the above scripture, other attributes of Christlike love are listed below:

1. Love is at all times (**Proverbs 17:17; Romans 13:5**).
2. Love makes sacrifices (**John 15: 13; Ephesians 5:25**).
3. Love takes no vengeance or grudge (**Leviticus 19:18**).
4. Love walks no evil (**Romans 13:10**).
5. Love is practical and action oriented (**1 John 3:18; James 2:15 – 16**).
6. Love is kind and apt to forgive (**1 John 3:17; Colossians 3: 13**).
7. It loves even Enemies (**Matt. 5: 44 - 45**).
8. Love casts out fear (**1 John 4:18**).
9. Love is quick to forgive (**John 14:15**).
10. True love gives its best and it's all. (**1 Cor. 3:5**)
11. Love is consistent and unconditional. (**1 Cor. 13:7, John 3:16; Romans 5: 8**)

i. **Examples of True Love:**

1. The love of God for the world (**John 3:16**).
2. The love of Christ for all (**John 15:13**).
3. The love of Ruth and Naomi (**Ruth 1:16–17**).
4. The love of Jonathan and David (**1 Samuel 18: 1 – 3; 20:17, 34 – 41**).
5. Jacob's love for Rachel. (**Genesis 29:20**)
6. Hosea love for Gomer (**Hosea 3:1**).

B) HYPOCRITICAL LOVE: (Fake, insincere, pretentious, and self-serving)

i **Attributes of Hypocritical Love**

Judges 4: Ezekiel 33: 31 – 32; Isaiah 29:13.

1. Hypocritical love is that love that pretends to be what it is not.
2. It is superficial and not deeply rooted.
3. It is artificial and not from the heart.
4. It is deceptive; it says one thing and means another thing.
5. It betrays friends and sells relatives into slavery
6. It is destructive and dangerous.

*A hypocritical lover can kill with a kiss or a morsel of food. Such a lover can give you a drink with a smile and stab you at the back. **A hypocritical lover is worse than a known enemy.***

ii **Examples of Hypocritical Love**

1. The love of Ammon for Tamar and the love of Absalom for Ammon (**2 Samuel 13:1 – 15, 28**).
2. The love of Joel (Heber's wife.) for Sisera, captain of the host of the Canaanites (**Judges 4:17–21**).
3. The love of Ahithophel for David (**2 Samuel 15: 12, 31**)
4. The love of Judas Iscariot for Jesus (**Matthew 26:48 – 49**).
5. The love of Delilah for Samson (**Judges 16:15–21**).
6. Peter's Divided towards the Gentile (**Galatians 2:11-14**)
7. Satan's action towards Eve in the garden of Eden (**Genesis 3:4-5**)

CONCLUSION:

God called us not merely to profess love, but to practice a love that is unconditional, pure, consistent, and Christlike in both word and deed. May our lives reflect the truth and sincerity of **Rom12: 9** abhorring evil, cleaving to what is good, and loving one another with a heart free from hypocrisy.