

## Cling to Good

*Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. –Romans 12:9*

This verse highlights three essential ingredients in the Christ like life. The first, *“Let love be without hypocrisy”*, talks about our relationships. We know that our relationship with God is based on His perfect love for us. This verse indicates that our responsibility in this relationship should be based on sincere and complete love of God. Luke 10:27 tells us, *“Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all our mind,”*

The Christian should also have their relationship with others based on love without hypocrisy. Hypocrisy comes from the Greek meaning to play a part. Our relationship with others should not be one of playing a role but sincere love having the singleness of purpose to benefit the one who is loved.

We are also directed to despise evil. We are to think about evil as God does. Psalm 97:10 instructs us that those who love the LORD hate evil. God loves the sinner but hates the sin and we should do the same. We need to stand against that which is wicked in God's sight. There is so much evil these days and many Christians lift their hands in hopelessness and never speak against sin.

We cannot stop with prayer. We need to speak up and cry for that which is good. We need to speak out in support of godly behavior. What we say may not be popular and friends may oppose us. In this day it is costing people their lives to stand for their convictions. God expects us to sincerely love for one another with conviction to speak against evil and persuasion to hold on tight to what pleases God no matter the cost.