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***“Love is Patient – Love is Kind”***

**1 Cor. 13:4; Rom 12:9-21**

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**Romans 12:9-21** (NLT)

9Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. 11Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. 12Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. 13When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

14Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them. 15Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. 16Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all!

17Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. 18Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

19Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say: “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord. (. Deuteronomy 32:35). 20Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” 21Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

1. the principle of patience: overcome evil with good

2. the practice of patience:

 a. bless

 b. do not take revenge

 c. do not avoid them

 d. will their good

 e. oppose them with kindness

3. the power of patience: comes from a view of the mercy of God