

Day 6
Read Romans 12:1-13

Focus: Romans 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

Head, Heart, and Hands Holiness

“Learn it! Live it!” Those were the words of one of my coaches in high school. He wanted us to know what we were doing and why while practicing and playing tennis. I have always thought it was a great quote for living a holy and pure life for Jesus Christ. When reading Romans 12:1-13, you’ll find with me that we need to have some things changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. One transformation we need is that of our minds. We need to think God’s way and have pure thoughts. Another change we need is the reshaping of our hearts. Are my motives right? Am I truly genuine in my friendship? What am I feeling toward others way down inside? A third area of our lives in which we need God’s purity is our behavior. Our hands are to grip what is good in life and run from wickedness. What’s going on with your head, heart, and hands?

Don’t you dare pretend! Our love for Christ and others must be sincere. We are to hate sin and the way it messes up lives, while at the same time love every person just like Jesus did. Even if our friends, (maybe even we), are headed in the wrong direction today, we have to hold onto the hope that God can still change and transform lives. All of the wicked stuff around us wants to get inside us. But, if we are sincere in our devotion to Christ, He will help us make the right decisions, and we will have His wisdom to know what is evil and what is good.

We cannot merely believe in God. We have to ask God to get into our hearts and work through our hands if we sincerely want to live pure lives for Him. So, how are you doing with obeying the expectations of Romans 12:9? A good fan, athlete, musician, student, child, sibling, pizza eater, and follower of Christ genuinely loves Christ and others so much that Christ shows up in his/her head, heart, and hands every single day.

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