



## Becoming a Romans 12 Trailman

### July Topic: Be Real

**“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.”  
Romans 12:9**

As Christians, trailmen are called to serve in love. This love is not a feeling or emotion. Instead it is a commitment to seek out and provide the best for others. Here in Romans 12 we are encouraged to let love be without “dissimulation”. In other words, let it be real. Real love is not something that you can work up through singing spiritual songs or listening to moving stories. In fact, real love does not start in you at all.

In 1 John 4:7 we are encouraged to “love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. When you are filled by the Holy Spirit, love will show forth. In Galatians 5:22 Paul describes the fruit of the spirit as love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These 9 words give us a glimpse of the character of God. When the Holy Spirit has free reign in our lives, when He is in control, we will experience this fruit in our lives.

In contrast, we are reminded that “A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways” (James 1:8) When you try to love God and the things of this world you will not be successful.

The warning that we receive in Romans 12:9 is not to try to love others in our own power. Instead, turn your eyes upon Jesus and let God love others through you. Jesus provided so much more than a good example for us to follow. His sacrifice broke down a barrier between us and God so that we could experience the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

When God is working in your life you will naturally “abhor” or hate evil, and you will cleave to that which is good. The word cleave describes clinging to something to the point that you cannot let go. I am reminded of Eleazar the son of Dodo, who when fighting against the Philistines found that his “hand was weary, and his hand cleaved unto the sword” II Samuel 23:9-10. We should cling to Jesus so tightly that our hands become cleaved to our savior.

Through the power of God, may trailmen be known as men of righteous unwavering love. Love that is real.

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