

How to be really attractive!

Romans 12:9-21

Introduction:

John 13:34 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

1 Thess. 3:12 *and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men...*

Heb. 10:24 *...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love*

1 Pet. 1:22 *fervently love one another from the heart*

1st - To the Saints

#1. Be _____ - don't wear a mask

9 *Let love be without hypocrisy.*

Romans 5:5 *the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

9 *abhor what is evil;*

Proverbs 6:16 *There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, 19 A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.*

Psalms 97:10 *Hate evil, you who love the Lord*

Psalms 101:3 *I will set no worthless thing before my eyes*

9 *cling to what is good.*

#2. Be _____ - to the needs of others

10 *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love;*

10 *give preference to one another in honor;*

#3. Be _____ - with enthusiasm

11 *not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit,*

11 *serving the Lord;*

Colossians 3:23 *Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.*

Mark 12:30 *and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

#4. Be _____ - by being positive, patient and prayerful

12 *rejoicing in hope,*

1 Thess 5:16 *Rejoice always*

1 Thess 5:18 *in everything give thanks;*
Eph 3:20 *able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,*

12 *persevering in tribulation,*

Romans 8:28-29 *we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God... to become conformed to the image of His Son*

12 *devoted to prayer,*

Acts 7:60 *falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, Lord, do not hold this sin against them! And having said this, he fell asleep.*

#5. Be ___ - with your heart and home

13 *contributing to the needs of the saints,*

James 2:15 *If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and be filled, and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?*

1 John 3:17 *But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?*

2 Thess. 3:10 *if anyone will not work, neither let him eat.*

1 Tim. 5:8 *But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.*

13 *practicing hospitality.*

Heb. 13:2 *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

1 Corinthians 5 9 *I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; 10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, ... for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler - not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? 13 But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.*

2nd - To the Seekers

#1. Be _____ in your speech

14 *Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not.*

1 Pet. 2:23 *and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

#2. Be _____ to people's feelings

15 *Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.*

#3. Be _____ to people's differences

16 *Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.*

#4. Be _____ in your responses

17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.

17 Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

#5. Be at _____ with everyone possible

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Rom. 14:19 let us pursue the things which make for peace...

#6. Be _____ in God's justice

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.

Phil 3:13 ... one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead...

1 Pet. 2:23 while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

#7. Be an _____ by doing good

20 But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Conclusion:

#1. True attractiveness is measured by ...

1-your willingness to _____

2-the level of your involvement with _____

#2. True love is only experienced when it's _____

#3. Only those in _____ can love attractively

#4. Isn't our Lord worthy of the _____ that comes to Him from our right relationships?