

LOVE THE BRETHREN--ROMANS 12:9-11

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Nobody likes a fake. It disgusts us to be taken by someone or something that is not the real thing. While it is not fun to find out that something is fake, it is much more disturbing to find out that someone is fake. Paul warns of this in Romans 12:9. We live in a world (even in our Christian circles) where people are taught how to put on a good face, hide your true colors and manipulate a situation. Teens and children hear their parents talking and learn firsthand how to fake a love for certain people in the church. Here Paul is warning against that kind of love. He starts by giving two direct overriding statements that characterize genuine love.