

2023 DANIEL FAST

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Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for

DAY 12

Romans 12:9-12 [The Voice Translation] ***“Love others well,** and don’t hide behind a mask; love authentically. Despise evil; pursue what is good as if your life depends on it. ¹⁰ Live in true devotion to one another, loving each other as sisters and brothers. Be first to honor others by putting them first. ¹¹ Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over, as you serve the Lord. ¹² Do not forget to rejoice, for hope is always just around the corner. Hold up through the hard times that are coming and devote yourselves to prayer. ¹³ Share what you have with the saints, so they lack nothing; take every opportunity to open your life and home to others.”*

What does it mean to, “love others well?” The word “well” in the Greek language means, sincere. The word “sincere” in our English dictionary means, marked by genuineness. Sincerity is something that other people can feel and sense emanating from another person. An individual can tell whether a person is being genuine in their interaction with each other, or they are not.

Loving others well comes from a sincerity and a genuineness in wanting to help a person where they are at in life. It’s a truthfulness of heart that wants to help others with what they need, not what we think they need. Loving others well allows a person to have the freedom to be able to say, “That’s not helping me or what you’re saying isn’t really where I am at.” Sincerity and genuineness allow a person to feel at ease and be themselves.

You can never build a solid and genuinely happy relationship if you don’t understand the value of sincerity. Sincerity in our relationships allows others to feel, talk, react, and even act according to their own personal character, their motivations, and their feelings, with all honesty and truthfulness. That is how we love others well and how we “love our neighbor” as ourselves. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Sincerity is the highest compliment you can pay.” And sincerity keeps on paying for a lifetime.

It’s time to build Relationships Everyone’s Always Looking for!

Worship Song:

"I have Decided" – Elevation Worship

<https://youtu.be/iRb769P50IQ>

Scripture Readings:

James 3:17 [Contemporary English Version] *"But the wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine, and **sincere**."*

1 Peter 1:22 [New International Version] *"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have **sincere love** for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart."*

John 13:34 [New Living Translation] *"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. **Just as I have loved you**, you should love each other."*

Prayer:

Father, help me to love others well. I want to be sincere in my interactions with all the relationships that I have and will have in the future. Let people feel the genuineness of my heart when we are talking with each other and spending time together. Allow my friends to know they can be themselves around me because I am sincere in always wanting them to be comfortable with me. In all my relationships and friendships help me to embody sincerity and genuineness. Mold me and shape me into the person that can love others well. In the Name of Jesus I pray, amen!

Today, I need to pray for:

What is God telling me today?
