

## DAY 5 – *Genuine Love Without Hypocrisy*

### SCRIPTURE TO READ:

Romans 12:9

(Optional Additional Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4–7; Colossians 3:12–14)

### THINK IT THROUGH:

Spiritual health is never measured by emotion alone—it's revealed in love. Paul says, "Let love be without hypocrisy," meaning love that's genuine, not performed. A surrendered spirit doesn't pretend to care—it actually does. True love isn't selective; it's sincere. It hates what's evil—not just because evil hurts people, but because it offends the heart of God. It clings to what's good—holding tightly to the things that reflect His character. The more surrendered you are to Christ, the more your love begins to look like His—truthful, steady, and costly.

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE:

Take a moment to reflect on your closest relationships—family, friends, coworkers, even difficult people. Ask God to show you where your love has grown conditional or guarded. Then choose one person today to intentionally love without expecting anything in return—an act of kindness, forgiveness, or encouragement.

### PRAYER FOR TODAY:

"Lord, teach me to love sincerely. Strip away any pride, pretense, or self-interest that keeps my love from looking like Yours. Help me cling to what is good and reflect Your heart in how I treat others." Amen.

### GO FURTHER

Write down one attribute of God's love—patient, forgiving, faithful, steadfast—and look for one opportunity today to practice that quality with someone in your life.



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