

## *Sermon Notes*

### *City on a Hill: Romans 12*

“Christian Behavior” – Part I – Romans 12:9-13

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Living by one’s own character

1. Dangers in American society
2. The need for discipline, Hebrews 12:5-7.

##### B. Today’s Text – Romans 12:9-13

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Romans 12:9

1. The nature of hypocrisy.
2. Love is incompatible with hypocrisy.  
I Cor. 13:13; 12:31; I Thes. 3:12; I John 3:18
3. God warned Israel about insincere love.
4. Abhorring evil
  - a. Scriptural mandate
    1. Fear (or awe) of God is good. Proverbs 9:10; 8:13
    2. More texts: Psalm 97:10, Psalm 101:4

##### B. Romans 12:10-13

1. Remember the Word of God distinguishes between people who are your brothers and those who are your neighbors.
  - a. Matt. 25:31-40; 12:46-50; 22:35-39; and Lev. 19:18
2. Devotion
  - a. I John 4:20; I Thess. 4:9; I John 2:9-11
3. Give preference

a. You mean instead of myself?

b. No lack of diligence.

1. “No room for sloth” – MacArthur.

a. Eph. 5:15-16; Heb. 6:10-12

#### 4. Fervent in Spirit

a. Note Apollos in Acts 18:25.

#### 5. Serving the Lord – James Boice

#### 6. How do we practically do all of these things?

a. Answer: Invest your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in one another instead of yourself.

#### C. Living with godly character.

##### 1. Rejoicing in hope

a. Titus 2:13, I John 3:2; Heb. 11:10

##### 2. Patience in affliction

a. Psalm 9:9; 119:75; 34:18-19; 16:1; II Cor. 1:3-4

##### 3. Devoted to prayer

a. May be rendered “continuing to pray.”

b. Why don’t we pray more?

##### 4. Participating in the needs of the saints.

a. Proper application of Matthew 25:34-36

#### III. Points for Reflection.

A. Get beyond yourself and pare back your schedule to make time to do what Paul commands.

B. Get beyond yourself, and pare back your wants to do what Paul commands.

C. Get beyond yourself and pare back the use of your gifts for yourself and own wants to do what Paul has commanded.