

Introduction

1. It begins with a directive: an official authoritative instruction.
 - A. To love sincerely and to be committed to doing good. Philippians 2:3-4; John 13:34-35
 - B. It's important not to be a hypocrite. Matthew 6:1-4
 - C. You are to fervently serve the Lord. Titus 2:11-14; Colossians 3:23-24
2. It is founded on an attitude of humility.
3. And it comes with a warning on how to treat those outside the church, including our enemies.
 - A. Never take revenge in your own hands. Matthew 5:39-45
 - B. Keep peace with others if it all possible.
 - C. Our kindness can possibly lead to eternal repentance. Proverbs 25:21-22; Romans 2:4

Application Thoughts:

1. Ask forgiveness when you know you are being a hypocrite.
2. Give preference to others by seeing the best in people, especially to those outside your denomination.
3. Try to keep peace with the people in your life. Do what you can and don't regret it.
4. We are to contribute to the needs of the saints. Pray for opportunities and trust that God wants to provide for those acts of love. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9
5. Show hospitality to others. Invite people to lunch and into your homes.