



## 10 Commandments for Church Relationships

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Read and Re-Read **Romans 12:9–13** (NIV).

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

### Process Through Six or Seven of These Home Group Questions

1. Spiritual Gifts – Last week, we talked about Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12:3-8) and recommended a spiritual gift inventory. Were there any major insights or important reflections on your gifts or the gifts of others in this group that we can process?
2. “Let love be genuine.” — What does authentic love look like in real-life relationships? How can we tell if our love is sincere or not?
3. “Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.” — How can we balance rejecting evil while still showing grace to those who struggle with sin?
4. “Love one another with brotherly affection.” — What does it mean to love someone as a spiritual sibling? Can you share a time when someone treated you this way?
5. “Outdo one another in showing honor.” — How might our relationships change if we tried to out-honor each other? What are some practical ways to do this?
6. “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit.” — What tends to drain your spiritual zeal, and what helps you rekindle it?
7. “Serve the Lord” — How can we stay focused on serving God rather than just doing good things for people? What's the difference?
8. “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” — Which of these three is most difficult for you right now, and why?
9. “Share with other Christians and seek to show hospitality.” — What are ways your group can practice generosity and hospitality together?

### Reminders:

- Renew Christian Academy (RCA) is looking for Christ-centered educators for the 2025-2026 school year to teach Geometry, Biology, 6th–8th Grade Science, and Computer Science. We're also looking for mentors to connect with students during lunch and offer guidance. If you know someone who might be interested in this opportunity, or if you want to learn more or apply, email Shannon Carpino at [shannonc@renewchristianacademy.com](mailto:shannonc@renewchristianacademy.com).
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