**Exploring Romans**

**Lesson 16**

**Behavior Reflects Belief**

 Read Romans 12:9-21

 Memory Work: Romans 12:9, 10 (More if you are able)

 1.a. What does love without hypocrisy mean?

 b. Should we do loving acts toward others if we don’t feel affectionate toward them? Explain

 c. Are you sharing with people in their time of need as much as you could...like what?

 d. What is the source of your love for others?

 e. Why isn’t self a good source?

 2. Is hating evil as important as our love for others?

 3. In what way is a believer’s love to be more than just emotions and feelings?

 See Romans 5:5,8;12:8

 4.a. What is meant by “in honor and giving preference to one another”...how easy is this...what has to go?

 b. Define “not lagging in diligence.”

 c. Define “fervent in spirit.”

 d. How do “a” through “c” above, all “serve the Lord?”

 5. Explain how you are:

 a. “Rejoicing in hope.”

 b. “Patient in tribulation.”

 c. Steadfast in prayer.”

 d. “Distributing to the needs of the saints.”

 e. “Given to hospitality.”

 f. If the above are not true in your life, what could be the problem?

 g. When you practice hospitality toward strangers, what added blessing might there be?

 Hebrews 13:1, 2.

 6.a. Where, before, have you heard “Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse?”

 (Check cross reference.)

 b. What added facts does this Gospel passage give us? Matthew 5:44.

 7.a. Why would Paul encourage us to “rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep?”

 b. Why wouldn’t this be hypocrisy?

 c. What do most husbands do with this with regard to their wives?

 8.a. Do you find it easy or difficult to associate with people who are poor, mentally handicapped,

 physically handicapped, or uneducated? Why or why not?

 b. What blessing might you be missing by avoiding the people listed in “a” above?

 c. In your own words, explain verse 16.

 d. Are you practicing this?

 e. What did Paul tell us in Romans 12:3?

 9.a. Where have you heard verse 17 before? (cross reference)

 b.Who has the key in verse 18?

 c. From verse 19, what is meant by “do not avenge yourselves but rther give place to wrath?”

 d. Would this take care of road rage? Explain.

 e. Who will one day take care of all wrongs?

 f. Meanwhile, what does God instruct us to do in verse 20...how easy is this..what do you have to overcome?

 g. Who is Paul quoting in verse 20? (cross reference)

 See Matthew 5 and Proverbs 25:21, 22.

 10. From verse 21, give a situation where this might be worked out.