

Romans 12:9 - 16

A Walk Through The Garden

the gifts are performed in the context of love

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil cling to
"A MASK" No COMPROMISE

① The church is hard and fast on the issues of right and wrong...

what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love;
No CONTRADICTION ② Philo: Practical family love

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil" (Is. 5:20)

Lit. "outdo one another in showing honor"

— (give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹ not lagging

③ "Be a Davite" —

behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

(Heb. 10:24-25)

Don't let anyone lag back

¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to
press on... hang tough

— this is the way we persevere - constant prayer —

it will all end in heaven someday ④

prayer, ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing

and our love is a practical love... of money... goods... and possessions ⑤

— hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

But we are not to be a bitter and hateful people to those who reject us ⑥

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who

① We are to be a people of emotional sympathy

weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be

We are a people ⑧ with no feudal distinctions
No caste systems
no high school cliques

wise in your own estimation. Do not be

"check your ego at the door."

Life Group Application Questions

1. What do you think is your spiritual gift?
2. What do you think about the statement "you can't use your gift on the perimeter"?
3. The "walk through the garden"
What one verse of the eight impressed you the most?