

# GCFSM SUNDAY

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## DEFINING MARKS OF A LOVING DISCIPLE

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Everyone who has been justified by faith in Christ is called to live a life worthy of this calling. The only life worthy of the gospel is a life fully surrendered to Christ. A life fully surrendered to Christ requires daily obedience manifested in our character and conduct.

After teaching believers the doctrinal foundation of the Christian faith (Romans 1:8-11:36), the Apostle Paul gave them Christian duties in every arena of their life (12:1-15:33). He exhorted them to present themselves to God as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to Him (12:1-2). He gave specific responsibilities towards fellow Christians (12:3-13; 14:1-15:33), all people in general (12:14-21; 13:8-14), and human authorities (13:1-7).

Our love for God is measured by our love for people (Matthew 22:37-39). In Romans 12:9-13, Paul emphasized the importance of sincere love towards others evidenced by our character and conduct. Christian love must be without pretense, it must be genuine (12:9a).

Paul then unpacks six (6) defining marks of a loving disciple that we must exhibit in our lives (12:9b-13).

1. Detests wickedness and upholds goodness. (Romans 12:9b)
2. Devoted and deeply cares for one another. (Romans 12:10)
3. Diligent and passionate in duties toward man and God. (Romans 12:11)
4. Determined to endure but joyful in suffering. (Romans 12:12a)
5. Dependent and faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12b)

6. Generous and hospitable to those in need. (Romans 12:13)

These six defining marks of a loving disciple must permeate our family relationships. Intentionally or unintentionally, we often neglect the people closest to us. In our neglect of our loved ones, we fail to show the love of Christ to them. If we are to obey our mandate to love God and to love others, it is imperative to love our family members first and foremost.

As we culminate Family Month with a prayer of blessing for our families, let us pray that every one of us will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to show sincere love to our family members. When we do, the love of Christ will abound in our homes. And Christ will dwell in our hearts through faith, and we will be rooted and grounded in His love (Ephesians 3:17). ✱



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (HIGH SCHOOL GROUP)**  
The Hub Youth Ministry  
October 1, 2022 | 4PM
- **THE REUNION**  
Men's CrossRoad Weekend  
October 8, 2022 | 8:30 AM  
Speaker: P. Roger Guillen
- **JOIN A GROWTH GROUP**  
If you still aren't part of a Growth Group, we highly encourage to join one. You can get in touch with us through the GCF South Metro FB Page, GCF South Metro YouTube or email us at [email@gcfsouthmetro.org](mailto:email@gcfsouthmetro.org)
- **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!**  
GCF South Metro Church is looking for applicants for the following full-time positions: looking for:

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2. Media & Communications Assistant
3. Accounting Supervisor

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