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**Core Seminar**

**Unity and Diversity in the Local Church**

***Class 6: Counsel for Christians in the Majority***

**Introduction: How can we love others coming from the backgrounds of the majority or the minority?**

9Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” –Romans 12:9-13

**Five things should characterize our love for each other in the church:**

**1. Genuine in Affection**

“Let love be genuine.”

**2. Self-Forgetting**

“Outdo one another in showing honor.”

***How can those in the majority avoid assuming that everyone else sees things like they do?***

1. Remember the “invisibility factor” of the majority culture.
2. Build real friendships with those who are different.
3. Listen to sermon application that *doesn’t* apply to you.
4. Think about different experiences as you pray through the directory.
5. Put yourself in their shoes
6. Humbly ask questions

**3. Zealous**

“Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.”

**4. Constant**

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

**5. Sacrificial**

“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

* Zealous and proactive sacrifice