



THE BOOK OF
ROMANS

LIVING IN THE SUPERNATURAL

ROMANS 12:9-13

Do our lives and living tell people about our heavenly King and His glorious kingdom?

- Or do our lives simply echo the shallow promises, practices, and principles of this world?
- **By living in the supernatural**, we can be a persuasive and effective example of our Savior, both within the church and before the world.

HOW DO WE LIVE IN THE SUPERNATURAL?

I. THE PERSONAL PRACTICES v. 9

1. WE MUST LOVE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY v. 12:9a

- God Himself *“is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”*

1 JOHN 4:16

- Jesus made unequivocally clear that in both the Old and New Testaments the two greatest commandments are: love God and love people.

MATT. 22:37-39

2. WE MUST HATE EVIL v. 12:9b

Hatred of evil is the other side of love which, by its very nature, cannot approve of or “rejoice in unrighteousness.” **1 COR. 13:6**

- **Evil** is the antithesis of holiness and therefore the antithesis of godliness.
- We are not talking about struggling—even the great apostle struggled against sin (**ROM. 7:14-21**)—we are talking about approval of evil without remorse.
- **JUDE 20, 21, 23; PSALM 1:1; PROV. 6:16-19**

3. WE MUST HOLD ON TO GOOD v. 12:9c

The Greek verb *KOLLAOÛ*—“to cling”—is from *KOLLA* “glue” and came to be used of any bond: physical, emotional, or spiritual.

- As servants of Jesus Christ, we are to bind ourselves *to what is good*—“*AGATHOS*,” that which is inherently right and worthy.
- **PHIL. 4:8; 1 THESS. 5:21-22**
- Saturate yourself in Jesus and His Word.

II. THE FAMILY PRACTICES AND PRINCIPLES v. 10-13

- 1. BE DEVOTED IN BROTHERLY LOVE. v. 10a**
- 2. PREFER ONE ANOTHER IN HONOR. v. 10b**
- 3. DO NOT LAG IN DILIGENCE. v. 11a**
- 4. BE FERVENT IN SPIRIT. v. 11b**
- 5. BE IN SERVICE TO THE LORD. v. 11c**
- 6. REJOICE IN HOPE. v. 12a**

7. PERSEVERE IN TRIBULATION. **v. 12b**
8. BE DEVOTED TO PRAYER. **v. 12c**
9. CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEEDS OF THE SAINTS.
v. 13a
10. PRACTICE HOSPITALITY. **v. 13b**

***SUPERNATURAL LIVING INDEED—
LET'S STRIVE TO LIVE IT OUT!***