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Message Topic: **Exhortation to love and moral purity**

Scripture Text: Romans 13: 8-14

1. In our Christian life, we will face many obstacles that will turn us away from serving God. From Romans 13:8-14, we learn how to live our lives in Christian love with purity when engaging with one another.

2. We have a great duty on this earth, i.e. to LOVE. But, remember not to owe any man anything unless necessary. Without loving God and each other, we cannot fulfill the commandments of God. Love demands clarity and purity, with no ulterior motive behind it. Thus, the church needs to learn to love to keep each other pure and for mutual edification.

3. True love is sanctifying love and not one that is lustful. We love someone, so as to keep the other party prepared for Christ coming. Even when the going gets tough, we still need to love, without any excuse.

4. Now is the time for us to awake from our sleep, the time to serve is here! This means that we, as the children of light, do the work of light. Anything that is ungodly must be cast off and we should abstain from all appearance of evil too. Even the words that we say or think should be carefully governed, so as not to harm the service of Christ. Even our thoughts should be kept pure, so that we can effectively serve God.

5. Every step of our way must be controlled by the Word of God alone. Put on Jesus Christ today, and put off the devil!