

Bible Study Lesson  
Characteristics of Growing Christians - Part 1  
Romans 12:9-21 (NIV)

**INTRODUCTION:**

I. A growing Christian will – **Love with Sincerity**

Romans 12:9 (NIV) “**Love must be sincere...**”

II Corinthians 8:8 (NIV) “**I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.**”

II. A growing Christian will – **Hate Evil**

Romans 12:9 (NIV) “**Hate what is evil...**”

Psalms 97:10 (NIV) “**Let those who love the Lord hate evil...**”

III. A growing Christian will – **Hold to what is Good**

Romans 12:9 “**cling to what is good.**”

Galatians 6:10 (NIV) “**Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**”

IV. A growing Christian will be – **Kind and Affectioned to each other**

Romans 12:10 (NIV) “**Be devoted to one another in love...**”

I Corinthians 13:4 (NIV) “**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.**”

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) “**Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**”

V. A growing Christian will be – **Diligent** / **Hardworking** (Not Slothful)

Romans 12:10-11 (NIV) “**Be devoted to one another in love...**”, “**Never be lacking in zeal...**”

## II Thessalonians 3:10-12 (NIV)

VI. A growing Christian will be – **Fervent in Spirit**

Romans 12:11(NIV) “...***but keep your spiritual fervor...***”

II Timothy 1:6 (NIV) “***For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.***”

VII. A growing Christian will – **Serve the Lord**

Romans 12:11(NIV) “...***serving the Lord.***”

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) “***Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.***”