(Based on Romans 12: 8.11)

**How to be real in your love for each other**

**In Romans it says, ‘If you have a job to do, do it really well’.**

In our own lives we can do this by:

* Being happy and enjoying work/school
* Not letting people down if they are trusting you to do a job
* Helping others (for example, doing the dishes for your family, tidying the house or being a good friend).

*Why should we do these things?*

We should not take the jobs we have been given for granted because some people don’t have any job or money as a result of this.

Another reason is because it makes you feel good and proud when you have completed something properly.

**In Romans it says, ‘Love and care for each other as good brothers and sisters’.**

In our own lives we can do this by:

* Being loving and honest in all you do
* Treating others how you would like to be treated
* Showing love towards everyone – even people who do not show love towards you
* Showing our love and care through our words and actions (for example, giving somebody a hug when they are sad).

*Why should we do these things?*

If we treat others with care and love then we will gain their respect, and they will show us love back.

It will make not only the person you are helping feel better, but also yourself.

God loves everyone equally and so we should do the same as children of God.

**In Romans it says, ‘When things get hard, keep on going’**

In our own lives we can do this by:

* Never give up (for example, if your school work seems too hard, persevere and keep on trying)
* Encourage other people when they face difficulties
* Never doubting yourself – believe and you will achieve

*Why should we do these things?*

We should live by this advice because you never know what is possible if you don’t try – you might surprise yourself!

If you believe in yourself, then others will too.

So that we can be proud of ourselves, but also other people can be proud of us as well.