

Loving the Body

Romans 12:9-16



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11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

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Christian To Do List

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Romans 1-11

- God's wrath & righteous judgment
- God's faithfulness
- Righteousness revealed
- Justification by faith
- Peace with God
- Dead to sin, alive in Christ
- Life in the Spirit
- Future glory
- Nothing can separate us from God's love
- More than conquerors
- God's sovereignty
- God's plan of mercy to the Gentiles and Jews

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, **in view of God's mercy**, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom 12:1

Romans 12-16

- Living sacrifice
- Serving the Body
- Loving the Body
- Loving your enemies
- Loving your leaders
- Love: the Law fulfilled
- Wake up
- Judge not
- Stumble not
- Rejoice
- Preach the Gospel
- Partners and friends in the Gospel
- Warnings to the church

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The Mercies of God

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- *Anupokritos* – unfeigned, undisguised, sincere
- Strife within Roman church? Acceptance issues?
- 2 faces of hypocrisy
 - Make outside look better than inside (Matt 15:7-8, 23:25 & 27, 1 Cor 13:3)
 - Hide own flaws by pointing to other's flaws (Lk 6:42)
- Hypocrisy is all about falsehood
- Love without pretense

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- *Philostorgos* – tender affection, mutual love of a family
- *Philadelphia* – love of Christian brothers and sisters
- Conflicts within Roman church? Race-class divide?
- *Proegeomai* – to show the way, to lead
- Beware of honoring only certain kinds of people (Jas 2:1-4)

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- Pride keeps us from loving and honoring impartially
- Remember the mercies of God

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- Intensity and Focus
- *Zeo* – to boil with heat, be hot
- If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. (1 Pet 4:11b)
- Hint of persecution?
- Hope of the glory of God (Rom 5:2)

13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

- Acts 4:32-35 – how the early church operated
- Imparting a value?

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- Persecution within or without?
- Paraphrase of Jesus' words in Matt 5:44 & Lk 6:28
- 1 Cor 12:12-31 – One body, many parts
- Which one is most difficult for you?
- Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing – Lk 23:34

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