

ROMANS 12

<p>12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.</p>	<p><u>Present</u>...<u>sacrifice</u> – exhibit, provide, yield. <u>Sacrifice</u> – the act or the victim.</p>
<p>2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.</p>	<p><u>Transformed</u> – change, modify – metamorphosis. <u>Prove</u> – test, examine & approve.</p>
<p>3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.</p>	<p><u>Think soberly</u> – exercise the mind, set affection on (Col. 3:2) concerning, + continual, + far more exceeding.</p>
<p>4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:</p>	<p>-----many different members => diff. abilities, diff. stage of development, but all still working together to serve the Lord.</p>
<p>5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.</p>	
<p>6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;</p>	
<p>7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 He that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.</p>	
<p>9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.</p>	<p>Love genuinely. Hold onto to things truly good.</p>
<p>10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;</p>	<p><u>Affectioned</u> – cherishing kindred <u>Perferring</u> – show preference.</p>
<p>11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;</p>	<p><u>Fervent</u> – be hot, boil <u>Serving</u> – be in subjection, obey</p>
<p>12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;</p>	<p><u>Rejoicing</u> – calmly happy, glad, joy <u>Patient</u> – suffer long, persevere <u>Pray</u> – constantly diligent</p>
<p>13 <u>Distributing</u> to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. [i.e., <i>sharing</i>]</p>	<p><u>Sharing</u> – providing for things necessary for fellow Christians. <u>Hospitality</u> – ready to help stranger</p>
<p>14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.</p>	<p><u>Bless</u> – ask God's blessings upon</p>
<p>15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.</p>	<p><u>Rejoice</u> – (same as vs 12); Weep – wail out loud, sob.</p>
<p>16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.</p>	<p><u>Mind</u> - regard, savour, set affection <u>Condescend</u> – yield, associate; <u>low estate</u> – the down cast, humble</p>

<p>17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.</p>	<p><u>Recompense</u> – pay back (e.g. revenge; <u>Honest</u> – beautiful & honorable.</p>
<p>18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.</p>	<p><u>Peaceably</u> – same root as <i>pacifist</i>. <u>Vengeance</u> – punishment</p>
<p>19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written,</p>	<p><u>Give place</u> – a spot or position, an opportunity.</p>
<p>20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.</p>	<p><u>Enemy</u> – hateful, hostile, adversary <u>Hunger</u> – famished, starving <u>Give</u> – to furnish, irrigate <u>Heap coals of fire...</u> set his mind on fire thinking of what a contrast there is in the way he treated you, & you have treated him!</p>
<p>21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.</p>	<p><u>Overcome</u> – conquered, give the victory</p>