

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Ch. 12:11



WE'VE RESOLVED TO:

1. Love without Hypocrisy.
2. Abhor what is Evil.
3. Cling to what is Good.
4. Be Devoted to one another.
5. Give Preference to one another
6. Be Diligent
7. Fervent in spirit
8. Serving the Lord.

Today

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(Christians in the church)

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IN OTHER WORDS...



- With Heart AND Heat—Serve the Lord.
- With Devotion AND Diligence—Serve the Lord.
- With Dedication AND Determination—Serve the Lord.

ROMANS 12:9-21

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

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

12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

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

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

16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



YOU ARE A SERVANT OF ALMIGHTY GOD



- Doulos. Sometimes translated “servant” or bondservant, but the word literally means “slave”.
- That word comes with some baggage in our culture.
- But it is not how we should understand it.
- The slavery of 18th and 19th century was prohibited in the Bible (Ex. 21:16; Deut. 24:7) under penalty of death.

THE “SLAVE” WHO DID NOT WANT TO GO FREE



Exodus 21:5-6 “But if the slave plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,’ then his master shall bring him to God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.”

Matt 11:28-30 ““Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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“Not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit,
serving the Lord;”

- ❖ Diligence: “An earnest commitment in discharge of an obligation or experience...eagerness, earnestness...zeal” (BDAG)
- ❖ Don’t slack in the area of Christian living.
- ❖ Don’t take it easy in your service to our Lord.
- ❖ Don’t be lazy in your walk.
- ❖ Lagging: Idle, lazy, holding back, hesitation, reluctant. (BDAG)

3 EXHORTATIONS HELP US.

1. Ephesians 5:15-16 "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil."



- ❖ Make every minute count. Time is precious, use it wisely.
- ❖ Matt 24:44-46 "For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will. Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their good at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes."

3 EXHORTATIONS HELP US.

2. Col. 3:23 “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,”

“...knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”



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serving the Lord;”

- ❖ Make every minute count (Eph 5:15)
- ❖ Do all that you do as unto the Lord (Col 3:23)
- ❖ 2 Thess. 3:13 “But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.”

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- ❖ To be stirred up within.
- ❖ Carries the idea of heat, fire, enthusiasm.
- ❖ Used in Acts 18:24 to describe Apollos.

EXODUS 34:29



‘It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai...that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with [God].”

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4. Be Devoted to one another. (Christians in the church)
5. Give Preference to one another (Christians in the Church)
6. Be Diligent (not lagging) Today
7. Fervent in spirit Today
8. Serving the Lord. Today



GALATIANS 6:9

“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.”





“We should always look upon ourselves as God’s servants, placed in God’s world, to do His work; and accordingly labour faithfully for Him; not with a design to grow rich and great, but to glorify God, and do all the good we possibly can.”

David Brainerd.

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