

*Paul's Letter to the*

# Romans

*Ch. 12:13-15*



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LET US (LAST WEEK):

1. Rejoice in Hope.
2. Persevere in Tribulation.
3. Devoted to Prayer.



3 ATTRIBUTES THAT SHOULD  
CHARACTERIZE US AS CHRISTIANS:

1. Generosity (v. 13a)
2. Hospitality (v. 13b)
3. Authenticity (v. 14)



# ROMANS 12:9-14

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.**



# ROMANS 12:13



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practicing hospitality.

- ✓ Acts 2:42-45 “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe.....And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.
- ✓ Needs: Material needs—food, clothing, shelter.

“Contribute to the needs of the saints.”

1 John 3:17 “But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?”



James 2:15-16 “If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?”

1 Tim. 6:17-18 “Instruct those who are rich in this present world....to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share”

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- ✓ Luke 10:30 “Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.”



# ROMANS 12:13



13 ..... practicing hospitality.

- ✓ 2 Tim. 1:16-18 “The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains; but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me— the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day—and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus.”
- ✓ 1 Peter 4:9 “Be hospitable to one another without complaint.”
- ✓ Heb. 13:2 “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

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

- ✓ Bless (Eulogeo): “To speak well of”
- ✓ Carries the sense of calling upon God to bestow His favor on another.



# ACTS 7:54-60

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him.

But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” Having said this, he fell asleep.”



# PETER: BEFORE AND AFTER



John 18:10 [Peter] “struck the high priests slave, cutting off his ear.”

1 Peter 2:21-23 “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously”

JESUS

~Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.



## BLESS AND DO NOT CURSE



“The principal of non-retaliation for personal injury permeates the entire NT. It provides guidance when life brings us up against those who care nothing for us and are in fact opposed to all that we stand for. Ask that they might enjoy the blessings of God! Love inevitably desires the best for other people regardless of who they may be. The old nature, says, “Curse them” ; God says, “Ask Me to bless them.” Robert H. Mounce.

## BLESS AND DO NOT CURSE

“...the injunction to bless those who persecute us is one of the most revolutionary statements in the NT and can be carried out only by the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, based on the surviving evidence of curse tablets, we see that in the Greco-Roman world cursing ones enemies was quite common and refraining from such was a departure from the norms of the culture” Thomas R. Schreiner



# JESUS



Matt 5:44 ““But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”

Luke 6:27-36 ““But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. .... “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. “If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. “If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount. “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

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