

ROMANS – LESSON TWELVE

I. OBLIGATIONS AS MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S BODY (12:1-21)

- A. Due to mercies of God, present one's body as a living sacrifice (v.1-2).
- B. Think not too highly of oneself – give self to exercising possessed gifts (v.3-8).
- C. Various exhortations to love and related duties (v. 9-21).
 - 1. Love without hypocrisy (v.9).
 - 2. Hate evil – cleave to good (v9).
 - 3. Manifest tender affection toward brethren (v.10).
 - 4. Honor brother above self (v.10).
 - 5. Serve Lord diligently and fervently – don't be slothful (v.11).
 - 6. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation and be stedfast in prayer (v.12).
 - 7. Share in meeting the necessities of needy saints – pursue hospitality (v.13).
 - 8. Bless those who persecute you – do not curse your enemies (v. 14).
 - 9. Rejoice with those who rejoice – weep with those who weep (v.15).
 - 10. Be of the same mind with brethren (v.16).
 - 11. Be humble in one's thinking (v.16).
 - 12. Render to no man evil for evil (v. 17).
 - 13. Take thought of things honorable in the sight of all men (v.17).
 - 14. Whenever possible, be at peace with all men (v.18).
 - 15. Avenge not yourself, but give God his place for vengeance (v.19).
 - 16. Overcome evil with good – give enemy food for hunger and drink for thirst in their time of need (v.20-21).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. How does Paul tie the practical applications beginning in chapter 12 with the first part of this letter?
- 2. What is each Christian to present his body as?
Why?
- 3. Is this “presentation” *worship*?
- 4. How is the Christian to avoid being fashioned according to this world?
- 5. What is behind each gift or talent that should cause one to be humble in thinking?

6. The members that make up the one body are:
 - (a). The different denominational bodies (Baptist churches, Methodist churches, Presbyterian churches, etc.).
 - (b). The different local churches of the church of Christ.
 - (c). Individual Christians.
7. Are all “gifts” God has given members of the body “miraculous” in nature?
8. What principle in addition to diligence in exercising our gifts do we learn from the exercise of “giving” and showing “mercy”?
9. Our love should always be void of _____.
10. We are not only to “cleave” to that which is “good”, but we must _____ that which is _____.
11. What kind of “love” must we have for our brethren?
12. How do we “give preference to one another”?
13. How must we “serve the Lord”?
14. What *three* things should we manifest in the face of tribulations?
15. What should we do when we become aware of fellow saints in need?
16. What is “hospitality”?
What should be our attitude towards it?
17. What does Paul exhort us to do that is a practical application of the “golden rule”?

18. How can different brethren “be of the same mind”?

19. What will destroy being of “one mind”?

20. What will help meet the goal of being of “one mind”?

21. Is there anything wrong with “getting even” with those who have done us wrong?

22. What should we do about the things that are honorable in the sight of all men?

23. What should be our attitude regarding living peacefully with all men?

24. What should we understand that should never cause us to feel like a “helpless victim”?

25. What does Paul mean when he says we can “heap coals of fire” on “the head” of our enemy?

26. Be not overcome by _____ but _____ evil with _____.