

Romans 12:1-21

- I. Transition: Fully given to God 1-2
 - A. Living Sacrifices 1
 - 1. Why? – Transition: Therefore, because of God's mercy
 - 2. What? – I Urge you to present yourselves
 - a. I Urge you
 - b. Present your bodies as a sacrifice
 - 1) Living
 - 2) Holy
 - 3) Pleasing to God
 - c. This is your fitting service
 - B. How? – Not Conformed, but Transformed 2
 - 1. Don't be conformed to this world
 - 2. Be transformed by the renewing of the mind
 - 3. Result: to know (by experience) the good, pleasing and perfect will of God
- II. Fulfill God's given individualized Community purpose 3-8
 - A. Think rightly of yourself 3
 - 1. I say to all among you, because of the grace given me
 - 2. Don't think (about yourself) beyond what it is necessary
 - 3. But think in such a way as to be sensible (about yourself)
 - 4. As God has measured out your measure of faith
 - B. We are members of one body 4-5
 - 1. Just as we have many members in one body
 - 2. And all the members do not have the same function
 - 3. In the same way, we (many) are one body in Christ
 - 4. Each one is a member in relation to one another
 - C. We each have various gifts by God's grace 6-8
 - 1. We have various gifts of grace according to the grace given us.
 - 2. Representative listing of the gifts and how they are to be used:
 - a. If prophecy – according to the proportion of faith
 - b. If service – in serving
 - c. If teaching – in teaching
 - d. If the one who encourages – in encouragement
 - e. The one who gives – in generosity
 - f. The one who rules/leads – with diligence
 - g. The one who gives mercy – with cheerfulness

III. Working out of Genuine Love in a variety of ways 9-21

A. Love must be genuine/sincere 9a

B. Elaboration/ Positive Examples of genuine love 9b-16

1. Hating evil 9b
2. Clinging to the good 9c
3. Being devoted to one another 10a
4. Honoring one another 10b
5. Not being lazy in zeal 11a
6. Being fervent in spirit 11b
7. Serving the Lord 11c
8. Rejoicing in hope 12a
9. Being patient in trouble/persecution 12b
10. Continuing in prayer 12c
11. Sharing toward the needs of the saints 13a
12. Pursuing hospitality 13b
13. Bless (and not curse) those who persecute you 14
 - a. Bless
 - b. Don't curse
14. Sympathize with those who rejoice and those who weep 15
 - a. Rejoice with those who rejoice
 - b. Weep with those who weep
15. Having a unified mindset with one another 16
 - a. Not thinking haughty thoughts
 - b. But associating with the humble
 - c. Do not become wise in your own estimation

- D. Elaboration/ Negative Examples of genuine love 17-21
1. Paying back evil (for evil) to no one 17a
 2. Giving careful consideration to what is good to all men 17b
 3. Living at peace with all men 18
 - a. If it is possible
 - b. From your part
 4. Not taking revenge 19-21
 - a. Not avenging yourselves brothers
 - b. But giving a place for God's wrath
 - c. Reason – It is written
 - 1) Vengeance is mine
 - 2) I will pay back
 - 3) Says the Lord
 - d. But blessing your enemy
 - 1) If he is hungry – feed him
 - 2) If he is thirsty – give him drink
 - 3) For you will put burning coals on his head by doing these things
 - e. Overcome evil with good
 - 1) Do not be overcome by evil
 - 2) But overcome evil with good

1 Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν τοῦ θεοῦ

παραστήσαι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν θυσίαν ζῶσαν ἁγίαν εὐάρεστον τῷ

θεῷ, τὴν λογικὴν λατρείαν ὑμῶν· ² καὶ μὴ συσχηματίζεσθε τῷ

αἰῶνι τούτῳ, ἀλλὰ μεταμορφοῦσθε τῇ ἀνακαινώσει τοῦ νοῦς εἰς τὸ

δοκιμάζειν ὑμᾶς τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ, τὸ ἀγαθὸν καὶ εὐάρεστον

καὶ τέλειον.

3 Λέγω γὰρ διὰ τῆς χάριτος τῆς δοθείσης μοι παντὶ τῷ ὄντι ἐν

ὑμῖν μὴ ὑπερφρονεῖν παρ' ὃ δεῖ φρονεῖν ἀλλὰ φρονεῖν εἰς τὸ

σωφρονεῖν, ἐκάστῳ ὡς ὁ θεὸς ἐμέρισεν μέτρον πίστεως.

⁴ καθάπερ γὰρ ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι πολλὰ μέλη ἔχομεν, τὰ δὲ μέλη

πάντα οὐ τὴν αὐτὴν ἔχει πράξιν,

5 οὕτως οἱ πολλοὶ ἐν σώμα ἔσμεν ἐν Χριστῷ, τὸ δὲ καθ' εἷς

ἀλλήλων μέλη. ⁶ ἔχοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν

δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς

πίστεως, ⁷ εἴτε διακονίαν ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ, εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων ἐν τῇ

διδασκαλίᾳ,

⁸ εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδιδούς ἐν

ἀπλότητι, ὁ προϊστάμενος ἐν σπουδῇ, ὁ ἐλεῶν ἐν ἰλαρότητι.

9 Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. ἀποστυγοῦντες τὸ πονηρόν,

κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ, ¹⁰ τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους

φιλόστοργοι, τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι, ¹¹ τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ

ὀκνηροί, τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες, τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες, ¹² τῇ

ἐλπίδι χαίροντες, τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες, τῇ προσευχῇ

προσκαρτεροῦντες, ¹³ ταῖς χρείαις τῶν ἀγίων κοινωνοῦντες, τὴν

φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες.

¹⁴ εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντας [ὑμᾶς], εὐλογεῖτε καὶ μὴ

καταρᾶσθε. ¹⁵ χαίρειν μετὰ χαιρόντων, κλαίειν μετὰ κλαιόντων.

¹⁶ τὸ αὐτὸ εἰς ἀλλήλους φρονοῦντες, μὴ τὰ ὑψηλὰ φρονοῦντες

ἀλλὰ τοῖς ταπεινοῖς συναπαγόμενοι. μὴ γίνεσθε φρόνιμοι παρ’

ἑαυτοῖς.

17 μηδενὶ κακὸν ἀντὶ κακοῦ ἀποδιδόντες, προνοούμενοι καλὰ

ἐνώπιον πάντων ἀνθρώπων· ¹⁸ εἰ δυνατὸν τὸ ἐξ ὑμῶν, μετὰ

πάντων ἀνθρώπων εἰρηνεύοντες· ¹⁹ μὴ ἑαυτοὺς ἐκδικοῦντες,

ἀγαπητοί, ἀλλὰ δότε τόπον τῇ ὀργῇ, γέγραπται γάρ, Ἐμοὶ

ἐκδίκησις, ἐγὼ ἀνταποδώσω, λέγει κύριος.

²⁰ ἀλλὰ ἐὰν πεινᾷ ὁ ἐχθρὸς σου, ψώμιζε αὐτόν· ἐὰν διψᾷ,

πότιζε αὐτόν· τοῦτο γὰρ ποιῶν ἄνθρακας πυρὸς σωρεύσεις ἐπὶ τὴν

κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ. ²¹ μὴ νικῶ ὑπὸ τοῦ κακοῦ ἀλλὰ νίκα ἐν τῷ ἀγαθῷ

τὸ κακόν.