

Behaving Like Christ Romans 12:9-21

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Romans 12

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.



The Message

¹So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.



⁹ Love must be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Show family affection to one another with brotherly love. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. ¹³ Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.



¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be in agreement with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Try to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. ¹⁸ If possible, on your part, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for His wrath. For it is written: Vengeance belongs to Me;



I will repay, says the Lord. ²⁰ But If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. ²¹ Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.







What Does It Look Like?











- a) Not showing favorites,
- b) Choosing your words carefully,
- c) Demonstrating humility,
- d) Sharing of your resources.

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

- JAMES 5:9 NIV

grum·ble verb \'grəm-bəl\

grum-bled grum-bling

Definition of GRUMBLE

intransitive verb

to mutter in discontent

com·plain 🜒 verb \kəm-'plān\

Definition of COMPLAIN

intransitive verb

- 1 : to express grief, pain, or discontent <complaining about the weather>
- 2 : to make a formal accusation or charge

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

— Romans 12:15 (KJV)

JAMES 5:19



Exodus 21:22-25 нсѕв



²² "When men get in a fight and hit a pregnant woman so that her children are born [prematurely] but there is no injury, the one who hit her must be fined as the woman's husband demands from him, and he must pay according to judicial assessment.²³ If there is an injury, then you must give life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, bruise for bruise, wound for wound.

Matthew 5:38-39 клу



Ephesians 4:31



"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."



Anger is liquor to the "dry drunk" alcoholic.



Don't let the sun go down upon your anger. ~ Ephesians 4:26



Psalm 73

¹ Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.
³ For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.



Common forms of RETALIATION

Verbal abuse

Gossip

Character assassination

Pious Prayers for others

- The silent treatment
- Exclusion
- Playing the passive aggressive role
- Quitting

an eye For an eye

ONLY ENDS UP MAKING THE WHOLE WORLD BLIND.



"Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned."



²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.



Deuteronomy 32:35

I will take revenge; I will pay them back. In due time their feet will slip. Their day of disaster will arrive, and their destiny will overtake them.'



What's Love Look Like?



Compassion



Mercy

James 5:11

¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.





 It looks like <u>Remembering</u>... my own sins, in humility (v. 15)
 It looks like <u>Reflection</u>... upon God's grace in my own life and sovereignty over all.
 It looks like <u>Reflecting</u>... Christ in me! Being at peace with everyone (v. 18) providing the necessities of life food and drink (v. 20).

Romans 12:9-10 NLT



⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.



