

Romans 12:11-12 (JBP)

Let us not allow slackness to spoil our work and let us keep the fires of the spirit burning, as we do our work for God. <sup>12</sup> Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come endure them patiently, steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer.

Romans 12:13 (JBP)

**<sup>13</sup> Give freely to fellow-Christians in want,  
never grudging a meal or a bed to those  
who need them.**

## Matthew 25:35-36 (JBP)

For I was hungry and you gave me food.

I was thirsty and you gave me a drink.

I was lonely and you made me welcome.

<sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you came and looked after me. I was in prison and you came to see me there.

Matthew 25:37 (JBP)

Then the true men will answer him,

'Lord, when did we see

You... hungry... thirsty... lonely...

naked... or see you ill or in prison

and go to see you?'

Matthew 25:40 (JBP)

And the king will reply, 'I assure you  
that whatever you did for the  
humblest of my brothers  
you did for ME.'

# **Serving, Rejoicing Sharing**

**Romans 12:11-13**

**<sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in ZEAL, but keep your spiritual FERVOR, SERVING the Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.

<sup>13</sup> Share with God's people who are in need.  
Practice hospitality.

<sup>11</sup> Never be lazy, but work hard and  
**SERVE the Lord enthusiastically.**

(NLT)



## Paul Reminds us...

- NOT to be **LAZY**
- to Serve **PASSIONATELY**
- we **SERVE** the **LORD** Jesus

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

Whatever you **DO**, work at it with  
**ALL** your heart, as working **FOR**  
the Lord, **NOT** for men,

**<sup>24</sup> ...It is the Lord Christ you are  
SERVING.**

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

...my dear brothers, stand firm.

Let nothing move you. **Always GIVE yourselves FULLY to the work of the Lord**, because you know that your **labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

→ By how we **REACT** when someone  
else gets the **CREDIT**

Mark 10:45 (ESV)

For even the **Son of Man** came  
**NOT** to **BE** served but **TO SERVE**,  
and to give His life as a  
**Ransom for many.**

<sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> **Be JOYFUL in hope, PATIENT in affliction, FAITHFUL in prayer.**

<sup>13</sup> Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

People who are Devoted to prayer  
come into God's presence Regularly  
and they Passionately  
ask **God** to **DO** what **only He** can **DO**  
in their lives and the lives of others. Ingram

**Persevering Prayer** connects us back  
into our **HOPE** - the Hope we have  
**IN Christ Jesus.**



<sup>12</sup> Base your happiness on your **HOPE**  
**in Christ**. When trials come  
endure them **patiently**, steadfastly  
maintain the **habit of prayer**. (JBP)

<sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
**FAITHFUL** in prayer.

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say **"No" to ungodliness and worldly passions,** and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> while we **WAIT** for the **blessed HOPE** -  
the **glorious appearing** of our great  
**God and Savior, Jesus Christ,**

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> who **GAVE** Himself for us to **REDEEM** us  
from all wickedness and to purify for  
Himself **a people that are His very own,**  
**eager to DO** what is good.

**12 Rejoice in hope;**  
**be patient in affliction;**  
**be persistent in prayer.** (HCS)

# WHEN we Pray we ACKNOWLEDGE...

- God is **POWERFUL**
- God is **PERSONAL**
- God is **PRECIOUS**

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

...since we have a great high priest who has  
gone through the heavens,

Jesus the Son of God,

**let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**



Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been **tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.**

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Let us then **APPROACH** the throne of grace with **CONFIDENCE**, so that we may **RECEIVE mercy and find grace TO HELP US** in our time of **NEED**.

We **PRAY** because  
that is **HOW** we come to **GOD**  
with **ALL** that is **ON** our hearts

<sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

<sup>13</sup> **SHARE with God's people who are in need.**

**Practice HOSPITALITY.**

13 **CONTRIBUTE** to the **needs** of  
the saints and seek to  
**show hospitality**. (ESV)

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV)

Keep your lives **free** from the **LOVE**  
of money and **BE content** with  
what you have, because **God has said,**  
"**Never** will I leave you; never will  
I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be  
afraid. **What can man do to me?"**

**13 Share** with the saints in their needs;  
**pursue hospitality.** (HCS)

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)

**9 Offer hospitality** to one another  
**without grumbling.**



Matthew 25:35-37 (NLT)

For I was hungry, and you fed me.  
I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink.  
I was a stranger, and you invited me into  
your home.

Matthew 25:36 (NLT)

I was naked, and you gave me clothing.  
I was sick, and you cared for me. I was  
in prison, and you visited me.

Matthew 25:40 (NLT)

<sup>40</sup> And the King will say, I tell you  
the truth, **when you did it to one of**  
**the least of these**  
my brothers and sisters,  
you were **doing it to ME!**