

Romans 12:9-10 (NLT)

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.

Romans 12:11-12 (NLT)

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

Romans 12:13 (NLT)

When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Romans 12:14-15 (NLT)

Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:16 (NLT)

Live in harmony with each other.

Don't be too proud to enjoy the company
of ordinary people. And don't
think you know it all!

BLESS don't CURSE

Romans 12:14-16

Acts 6:7 (NIV)

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 7:55-56 (NIV)

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

⁵⁶ Look, he said, I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

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and do not curse.**

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn
with those who mourn.

16 Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate
with people of low position.

Do not be conceited.

¹⁴ ...as for those who try to make your
life a misery, **BLESS** them.
Don't CURSE, BLESS. (JBP)

Luke 6:27-28 (NLT)

But to you who are willing to listen,
I say, **love your enemies. Do good** to
those who **hate you.** ²⁸ **Bless** those who
curse you. **Pray** for those who hurt you.

Matthew 5:44-45 (NLT)

But I say, **love** your enemies!

Pray for those who persecute you!

⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

When we are Insulted or Treated Badly... HNTC

- we are to **PRAY FOR** those people who have attacked us
- we are to treat them **KINDLY** even with sympathy
- we are to **FORGIVE** them even when they have hurt us Deeply

We are never more like Jesus than
when we treat people **BETTER**
than they deserve. Ingram

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Our tendency is to **be jealous** when others **REJOICE**, and to pass by when they **MOURN**. **God's way** is to **Enter into the joys and sorrows** of those around us.

15 **SHARE** the **happiness** of those who
are **happy**, the **sorrow** of
those who are **sad**.

(JBP)

It is **Impossible** to do this if we
do **NOT** have a **RELATIONSHIP**
with people.

Hughes

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(JBP)

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

I know what it is to be in **NEED**, and I know what it is to have **plenty**. I have learned the **secret of being CONTENT** in any and every situation, whether **well fed or hungry**, whether living in plenty or in want.

¹³ **I can DO everything through Him** who gives me strength.

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who **gives me strength.**

¹⁵ **Rejoice** with those who rejoice;
MOURN with those who mourn.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ. **God is our MERCIFUL
Father** and the source of **ALL comfort.**

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⁴ **He comforts** us in **ALL our troubles** so that we can **comfort others**. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the **same comfort** God has given us.

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(NLT)

¹⁶ Live in **HARMONY** with one another. **Do not be PROUD**, but be willing to associate with people of low position.
Do not be **CONCEITED**.

Feelings of **SUPERIORITY**
are neither realistic nor appropriate
for those who owe
ALL to God's grace.

Constable

Kneeling at the **FOOT** of the **CROSS**

- we are **ALL** the same -

Forgiven Sinners

1 Peter 5:5 (HCS)

...And **ALL** of you clothe yourselves
with **HUMILITY** toward one another,
because **God RESISTS** the **proud**
but gives **GRACE** to the humble.

HOW do we Live in HARMONY

- stay **FOCUSED** on Christ
- stay **COMMITTED** to His **WORD**
- handle **PROBLEMS** Biblically
- go back to the **CROSS** Regularly
- **PRAY** for Harmony and **UNITY**

John 15:18, 20 (NLT)

¹⁸ If the world **HATES** you, remember
that it **HATED ME first....**

²⁰ Do you remember what I told you?
A slave is not greater than the master.
Since they persecuted **ME**, naturally
they will persecute you...

John 16:1-2 (NLT)

¹ I have told you these things **SO THAT**
you **won't abandon** your **faith**.

² For you **WILL be expelled** from the
synagogues, and the time is coming when
those **who kill you** will think they are
doing a holy service for God.

John 16:33 (NLT)

I have told you all this so that you may
have **PEACE** in **ME**.

Here **ON EARTH** you will have **MANY**
trials and sorrows.

But **take heart**, because

I have **OVERCOME** the **world**.