

Application Points: Romans 12-15

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CHAPTER 12:

- Let my daily living be small acts of worship
- Renew the patterns of my thinking through the lens of God's love
- Be humble – don't think I'm better than anyone at anything
- Be honest in measuring my faith and how it is being challenged and growing (don't be comfortable)
- See the church as a body – all with different gifts and parts (make sure you know your part)
- Whatever your gift may be, provide that for the body to the best of your ability
- Discover new ways to love others – don't fake it either, really love them!
- Stand up for what is right, speak out for what is wrong, defend the weak
- Serve the Lord enthusiastically – don't become lazy or thoughtless in your work
- Rejoice with confident hope in what the Lord is doing – even in challenging times
- Be persistent and patient in praying to see God's hand at work
- Find ways to be generous and practice hospitality (be rich in relationships)
- When someone isn't in your fan club – find ways to bless them and encourage them instead of returning that "negative" with another negative – find a way to live in peace
- Be a good friend: be happy for the happy, sad with the sad
- Unity among all of God's people is important: no matter the crowd – see everyone as the same!
- The best way to end the evil tendencies in my life will be to consistently do good to others

CHAPTER 13:

- * Submit to the authorities in my life: work, home, government, police, my neighbors
- * Pay my taxes and live in peace by offering respect to all God-appointed leaders (like them or not)
- * Don't put myself in a position of owing anything to anyone except love
- * Love my neighbor as I love myself!
- * Remember that every day puts us closer to our last – live each moment as if the end is very close
- * Quarreling and jealousy are just as inappropriate for the believer as drunkenness & immorality
- * As I dress every morning, clothe myself in the presence of God – He is with me – every breath

CHAPTER 14:

- > Don't argue about what is right and wrong with other believers – trust my convictions are for me
- > Honor God in the way I eat, and treat each day ... both are opportunities to put Him first
- > We don't need to judge – just remember that I will be accountable for my actions and how I loved those around me – make sure I have a clear conscience about my love!
- > Always consider how my actions impact others and encourage their journey toward Christ
- > My life can be summarized by the attitude I have toward following the Holy Spirit and how I work to encourage & strengthen the church
- > Convictions are of God: even if I doubt or don't know about something and do it, it could be sin

CHAPTER 15:

- Accept all believers as Christ has accepted us ... there must be unity in our praise to God!
- Christ came to serve the Jews and reach the Gentiles – this diversity tells me that he is a diverse God in worship styles and understanding of scripture – Be confident in your way but love the diversity at the same time
- This reality will fill me constantly with HOPE, JOY, & PEACE as I trust in Him supremely
- Be a person of prayer for the servants of the church to remain safe and take the message to those who have not yet heard