



CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY: Part 2

Romans 12:10-13

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Good morning Church! Good morning Church! As we continue to study this list of traits that characterize the Spirit-filled life, I want you to ask yourself “Do I represent Jesus well in my personal life, toward my family and others that might even be considered enemies.” When discussing the church as the body of Christ who has been given spiritual gifts, Paul stresses the importance of love for one another & *character counts!*

Last week, we looked at our personal duties and today, let's talk about family. The Christian has the responsibility to love their family in a way that the world can recognize us as followers of Christ. The Church is a family the “household of God”.

Romans 12:9-21

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. **10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” **20** To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

1. PERSONAL Responsibility (v. 9)

2. FAMILY Duties (v. 10-13)

- Be DEVOTED in Brotherly LOVE (v. 10a)

“Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another” **1 Thessalonians 4:9**

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” **Philippians 2:3**

“If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

1 John 4:20

- Prefer ONE ANOTHER in HONOR (v. 10b)

- Never be LAZY, but SERVE God (v. 11)

*“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” **Galatians 6:10***

- Rejoice in HOPE & PERSEVERE (v. 12a)

*“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” **Matthew 25:21***

“God’s grace calls you to submit. But it offers you true freedom like you’ve never known before.” - Paul David Tripp

- Be CONSTANT in PRAYER (v. 12b)

- CONTRIBUTE to NEEDS of the Saints (v. 13)

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common” **Acts 2:42-44***

The world will recognize us as followers of Christ, when we take the responsibility to love our family in a way that reflects God's love. Has God's Spirit spoken to you today? Has He revealed a character trait you need to work on? Thank God for His transforming grace!

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision you could ever make is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death. Yet through God's love, only Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead — YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins, BELIEVE in Jesus thereby receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.