

Right Living, Part 1
Lesson #23
Romans 12

In the final chapters of Romans, Paul gave instructions on how to live pleasing to the Lord. Jew and Gentile are to live out the gospel through their lives. Romans 12-16 could be called Paul's Discipleship 101.

Life as Individuals - Romans 12:1-3

1. In light of God's mercy and salvation to all who believe, what did Paul urge the Roman believers to do? (Romans 12:1)

2. Using Romans 12:2a:
 - What danger did Paul warn about that hinders one's ability to obey?

 - What is the primary goal of discipleship?

3. Why is that so important to the life of a believer? (Romans 12:2b)

4. As part of that transformation, what additional warning did Paul give? (Romans 12:3)

5. Reflect: Based upon these three verses, how would you personalize these important truths of discipleship?

Life in the Body – Romans 12:4-8

6. The church is called "*The Body of Christ*." How is the church like a physical body? (Romans 12:4, 5)

7. In the body, each person is given different gifts according to God's grace. Make a list of the gifts Paul emphasized in this Roman letter. (Romans 12:6-8)

- What words did Paul use to describe how one is to use these gifts?

Right Attitude and Practice Within the Body – Romans 12:9-13

8. Just as Paul wrote in his letter to the church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 13) what attitude did he emphasize as important in the way believers express these gifts? (Romans 12:9a)

9. What other instructions did Paul give regarding life in the Body?
 - Romans 12:9b

 - Romans 12:10a

 - Romans 12:10b

 - Romans 12:11

 - Romans 12:12

 - Romans 12:13a

 - Romans 12:13b

10. Reflect: In Paul's general instructions given in verses 9-13, which of these stand out to you and how can they be applied today?

Instructions When Wronged – Romans 12:14-21

11. What teaching of Jesus did Paul include here? (Romans 12:14, 15)

- How does that teaching fit with verse 2?

12. Paul urged the believers to *"live in harmony with one another."* What can easily destroy that harmony? (Romans 12:16)

13. What additional instructions did Paul give? (Romans 12:17)

- Is that the natural reaction of the world?

14. Paul put an interesting condition on the instructions in verse 18.

- What was the conditional statement?
- What is the believer to do in that situation?

15. Based upon these conditions, we understand this is often out of the believer's control. When that is not possible, what was Paul's warning? (Romans 12:19a)

16. Paul quoted the words of God, given to Moses in Deuteronomy 32. What reminder did Paul give that enables the believer to live this way? (Romans 12:19b)
17. In this difficult situation, what action is the believer to take? (Romans 12:20a)
18. What reason did Paul give? (Romans 12:20b)
19. What was the last line of this proverb Paul quoted? (Proverbs 25:21, 22)
 - Why do you think Paul did not include that line?
20. Paul began this section with the words, "*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.*" (Romans 12:9) What was his final reminder in this section? (Romans 12:21)