

## *Studies In Romans*

### **(Romans 12:10-15)**

#### 1. How should Christians treat one another?

*“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another” (Romans 12:10).*

- Kind to each other (**Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:12, and II Peter 1:3-10**).
- Affectioned [mutual love, loving affection) to each other (**II Corinthians 7:14-15**).
- Brotherly love (**John 13:34-35, Hebrews 13:1, I Peter 1:22, I Peter 2:17, I Peter 3:8, and I John 3:14-18**).
- Giving preference to each others (**Matthew 20:26-27, Galatians 5:13, and Philippians 2:3**).
- Love ties into these things (**I Corinthians 13:4-7**).

#### 2. Should Christians be lazy people?

No: *“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord” (Romans 12:11).*

- Not slothful in business [Strong’s # 4710; “speed, eagerness, diligence”] (**Proverbs 6:6-11, Proverbs 13:4, Proverbs 18:9, Proverbs 22:29, Proverbs 24:30-34, and II Thessalonians 3:6-15**).
- Fervent in spirit (**Colossians 4:12-13 and I Peter 4:8**), but with caution (**Acts 18:24-28 and Romans 10:1-3**).
- Serve God (**Matthew 4:10, Romans 6:22, and Hebrews 12:28-29**).

#### 3. Should a Christian be able to rejoice in hope and continue in prayer through times of tribulation?

Yes: *“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer” (Romans 12:12).*

- We should be able to rejoice in difficult times because of hope (**Romans 5:1-4**).
- Our hope should bring joy (**Proverbs 10:28, II Thessalonians 2:16, and Hebrews 3:6**).
- We have to endure tribulation (**Mark 13:13, II Timothy 3:10-12, and James 5:10-11**).
- Continuing instant in prayer (**Luke 18:1, Acts 2:42, Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 4:2, and I Thessalonians 5:17-18**).

4. Should Christians be willing to socialize with each other and help those Christians who may have financial struggles?

Yes: *"Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality"* (**Romans 12:13**).

- Helping truly needy brethren individually (**Acts 4:34-37**, **Acts 11:27-30**, **Acts 20:34-35**, **Ephesians 4:28**, and **I John 3:17**) and collectively (**Romans 15:25-27**, **I Corinthians 16:1-4**, and **II Corinthians 8:1-9:14**).
- Understanding there is a time for the church to act and there is a time for the individual Christian to act (**I Timothy 5:3-16**).
- Given to hospitality (**Acts 16:13-15**, **Hebrews 13:2**, and **I Peter 4:9**).
- Each Scripture about or even close to about social action, never involves the local church collectively. It is not a work of the local church as a collective body, to feed or entertain one another (cf. **Romans 14:17** and **I Corinthians 11:16-34**).

5. What action should we take against those who persecute us?

No action against them, but rather for them: *"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not"* (**Romans 12:14**).

- **Psalms 35:11-13**, **Matthew 5:43-48**, **Luke 6:28**, **Acts 7:51-60**, and **I Peter 2:21-23**.

6. Should we be able to relate to one another in triumphs and sufferings?

Yes: *"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep"* (**Romans 12:15**).

- We should feel what our brethren feel (**Nehemiah 1:3-11**, **John 11:33-35**, **I Corinthians 12:25-27**, **Philippians 2:17-18**, and **Philippians 2:25-30**).