

## Romans Chapter 12

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**Chapter 12.** Paul sounds a little like James in this chapter. For here he puts the love of God into practical application. This is how you do God's Word. Other words, this is how it will look when you are living according to God's Way, Will, and Word. Love is the Key.

**Verses 1-2:** The opening sentence in any paragraph should contain the subject/thesis of its' content. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice," speaks volumes. And the following statement affirms it. "Your reasonable service." It takes place in the heart, then the mind is trained, and the body will obey. It is the process of our transition from carnal/lost to saved Holy.

**Verses 3-8:** We are not all the same. Even in Christ we are not all cut from the same cookie cutter. But we are all of the same community, group, family. Therefore, let each one be what they were designed to be. And not only let them, but encourage and assist them, in being and doing so. Do this even to the point of placing yourself second supporting them even above your own personal pursuits.

**Verses 9-13:** Be real, be for-real, genuine, sincere, dedicated, and energetic in all we do with and toward each other in the family of God. One may call it "Team Spirit." But it is the general attitude God wants for his family.

**Verses 14-16:** Even toward the world and those that oppose us, we are to truly want God to help them. Therefore, we display that attitude in our actions with a hope that what we do and say will make a difference in their "coming to Christ." He who loves money cannot love the Lord. No one can serve both God and mammon, (Which is the central problem with prosperity ministries.

**Verses 17-21:** God is not mocked, what one sows, they will reap. Yet if we remember the request of Steven when he died from being stoned to death, Christ himself gave him a standing ovation for his performance before his oppressors and tormentors. He cried out to God to lay not the act of violence against to be charged to them but to be forgiven, Just as Christ Himself did on the cross as He cried out nearing death; "Father forgive them for they know not what they do!" Never forget, the battle is not ours; it is the Lord's. Ours is then to show kindness and charity to everyone, Even those that do hurt and harm to us. But especially those that are in our family, the family of God.