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Part 26

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## “How to Get Along with Anybody”

Rom.12:9-21

*“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”* ROM.1:16-17 NLT

### 3 Action Steps to Maintaining Godly Relationships

#### 1. Love Genuinely.

*“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.”* Rom.12:9-13 NLT

*“Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love....Let love be your highest goal!...”* 1Cor.13:13-14:1 NLT

#### 2. Live for Harmony.

*“Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all...Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.”* Rom.12:15-16, 18 NLT

*“So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.”* Rom.14:19 NLT

*“May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.”* Rom.15:5 NLT

### 3. Let Go, Let God *and* Do Good.

*“Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them....Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable...Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord. Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.”*

Rom.12:14, 17, 19-20 NLT

*“Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.”*

Rom.12:21 NLT

## DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE \_\_\_\_\_ **Sept.30-Oct.5, 2024**

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps through the day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Pray for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

### **Day 1: READ Rom.12:9-10 focusing on Loving Others.**

What would you say is the real difference between genuinely loving others and pretending to love others? How are you at hating the wrong and loving the good in people – what does it look like for you? One way I can practically accomplish vs.10 this week is to.....? Pray for the love of God to flow through you today.

### **Day 2: READ Rom.12:11-13 focusing on Your Daily Attitude.**

What do you see as the key point in vs.11 about laziness, hard work and enthusiasm? How & where does this apply to your walk with God right now? What are the key attitudes you see in this group of verses – write them out and grade yourself on each one. Where might you need an attitude adjustment this week? Pray for an attitude of humility and energy.

**Day 3: READ Rom.12:14-16 focusing on Living for Harmony.**

According to these 3 verses, what do I need to do to live in a way that brings or builds harmony within any relationship I encounter through the week? What will I need to intentionally add or get rid of in me to accomplish this from these verses? Pray for God's presence in every interaction today. →

**Day 4: READ Rom.12:17-18, 21 focusing on Responding to Evil.**

Give a personal example of how you made a good decision about a "payback" situation that made a difference in you or the situation. What does it mean to you to be seen as "honorable" and how important is this to you? Can you see a relationship in which vs.18 fits into perfectly right now? Explain. Pray for a day of peace within all your interactions.

**Day 5: READ Rom.12:19-21 focusing on Revenge.**

When has revenge seemed like a good option, even though you know it's not the best response? What does it mean for us to "leave it up to God? And how does that work for you? What Old Testament verses to Paul cite and what's the main challenge? What is the "heaping of burning coals on someone's head" all about? From this, the next time I am thinking about revenge, I will transform that thinking and follow God's perfect will by.....? Pray.

