

USE YOUR GIFTS TO SERVE THE CHURCH ROMANS 12:3-8

- Guided by sober thinking and faith, 12:3
- A place of value and service for every Christian, 12:4-5
- Serve the body (church) in faith, 12:6-8

LIVE A GENUINE LIFE ROMANS 12:9-11 • Love without hypocrisy (pretense), 12:9 (Love does not wear a disguise) • Love what is good, 12:9 • Love our brethren, 12:10 • Love God, 12:11

LIVE A CONSTANT AND CARING LIFE ROMANS 12:12-14

- Act per need and context of the moment
 - Rejoice, patient, always praying, 12:12
 - Hope anchors us, Romans 5:2-5; Hebrews 6:17-20
 - Steadfast prayer acknowledges God
- Love brethren and strangers, 12:13
 - Be a blessing to all, 12:14 (Luke 6:35-36)

LIVE AN EMPATHETIC LIFE ROMANS 12:15-16

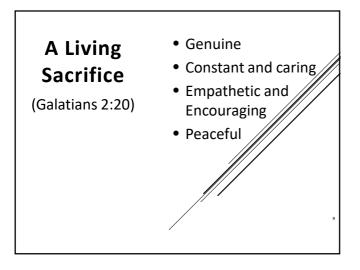
- Share joys and sorrows of others, 12:15
 - <u>Sympathy</u>: "feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else's misfortune"
 - <u>Empathy</u>: "the ability to understand and share the feelings of another" (I Corinthians 12:26)

LIVE AN EMPATHETIC LIFE ROMANS 12:15-16

- Why and How? Of the same mind, 12:16
 - Knit together (Ephesians 4:15-16; I Corinthians 1:10)
 - Serve without complaints, contentions, and conflicts that discourage/destroy (Galatians 5:13-15)
 - Void of personal ambition, with humility, and deference (Philippians 2:3-4)

LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE ROMANS 12:17-21

- Do not be vengeful and vindictive, 12:17, 19 (Matthew 5:38-39)
- Value good things, live honorably and peacefully, 12:17-18
 - Submit to the Lord's power and justice, 12:19
 - Overcome evil with good, 12:20-21



"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

Acts 16:30

► Hear the Word of God

► James 1:21 – "Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

▶ Believe that Jesus is the Savior of the work

Romans 10:11 – "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame."

"What Must I Do To Be Saved?" Acts 16:30 ▶ Acts 3:19 - "Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out ..."

► Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

Romans 10:10 – "... for with the heart than believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

Acts 16:30

Be immersed in water (baptized)

► Acts 2:38 – "And Peter (said) unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

▶<u>Remain faithful</u>

►I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "... 2 by which also we are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain."