

Romans Chapter 12:1-21

Romans 12:1

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Romans 12:1 NLT

This study of the twelfth chapter of Romans is for all the saints of God and for their edification. It is for the Christian world at large and for the true body of Christ. There is a difference between those who call themselves “Christian” and the true body of Christ that call on me night and day. I am in their thoughts and prayers. I am part and parcel of all their daily activities. They call on me in all situations, that which confronts them on a daily basis.

Seeing this is an established fact, let us proceed. Those in the true body of believers will present their bodies as a living sacrifice every day, and not just an occasional day, here and there. This is acceptable and pleasing in my sight. As I gave my all, all is required of you. You must be willing to sacrifice your time, your talent, and your own conveniences for true fellowship with the Shepherd and Bishop of your soul! In this way, you are laying up treasure in heaven, which has a lasting effect for all eternity. Here and now is only physical and transitory. The real and lasting life is still to come. Do you believe this? Then act accordingly!

All the pain and suffering which is now extant on the earth will be swept away and remembered no more, for a new day is dawning, and is now on the horizon! That day will pale into insignificance, all days heretofore! Build then on the Solid Rock, which is Christ Jesus!

Amen and Amen

Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is. Romans 12:2 NLT

There are many different “gospels” extant in the world today. Just as the Tower of Babel confounded the languages, so also has the true gospel, been confounded. That is why I continually urge my people to “study to show themselves approved unto God!” My Word is truth. If you are confounded by all the voices preaching today, prove it by my Word. My words bring life into your spiritual body.

This is the crux of the whole matter—stay in close contact with your Lord and Savior and do not be tossed this way and that by every wind of doctrine. I change the way you think by the Word. Become thoroughly versed in my Word! This means every possible day. I allow for the various interruptions for these are everyday occurrences. But try to stay focused with the main thing. The main thing is to study with diligence and persistence.

Do you want to know my will in your life? Read the Word. The pollution of the vain philosophies of this world confuses the mind, but my Word illuminates your mind and a transformation process is beginning. It is a process! Many pioneers before you gave their lives to preserve my Word and you have been given it on a silver platter, so to speak. This generation has the Bible at their fingertips in the printed word, tapes, CD's, Internet, and TV. There is no excuse for it is available to the rich and poor alike!

Now you may ask, how do I do this on a consistent basis? Schedule it in just as you do for other pursuits. Let this take priority over all else! Early in the morning is the most opportune time. The mother and father should rise before their children. Read the Word and commune with me in prayer. In this way you are ready for the day! You are ready to face any challenge that will come your way more effectively. You are doing the will of your heavenly Father!

Amen and Amen

Romans 12:3

As God's messenger, I give each of you this warning: be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you. Romans 12:3 NLT

There is faith extant on the earth in my children. Each is given in some quantity, at their new birth. Some have little faith while others have great faith. Faith is built through trusting the Lord and taking him at his word. Then as time passes, faith is tested in the child of God. As each test is passed, more faith is generated! If they fail to pass, the test is repeated until faith is again restored to a higher level. It is as they are ascending on stair steps of faith. This means that the greater the faith of my child, the greater the test, as you continue to progress. That is why I tell you not to compare yourselves among yourselves. Each is at a different place in the race. Look straight ahead to your path and do not look on the path of another in jealousy.

When I say you must measure your value through the amount of faith, which you possess, it is a measuring rod, so to speak. In this way you can look back over your tenure with me and see how far you have progressed. It should spur you on to greater faith and hope.

Do not despise the amount of faith you have at this point, but build it up by fasting, prayer, meditation and study. Follow me and your faith will be increased!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:4

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function... Romans 12:4 NLT

There are many children in my body that are striving daily for the mastery. I take note of each one and their progress is written down in their special journal. I have recording angels that are aware of this also, my messengers, so to speak. Their assignment is to monitor your progress, and report it in writing. Upon the death of my child, this book is opened. The sins and faults are blotted out as each is repented of, and all that is left is that of good!

As you surrender your life to me in all sincerity, I elevate you to the point where you begin to understand your calling. As you progress further, you begin to function in my body, and your high calling is realized. It is a progression!

Now is the time to make use of all the education that will facilitate your calling. Take advantage of every opportunity that you have at your disposal. You are living in the last days and knowledge is being increased in every arena. Be aware and walk circumspectly (cautiously, watchfully) being aware of Satan and his trickery. Look to Me, the Author and Finisher of your most holy faith!

Amen and amen.

Romans 12:5

... so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. Romans 12:5 NLT

"No man is an island" is a popular phrase, and it is so true. This is also true in my body. Does the hand say to the foot, "I do not need you?" Does the eye say to the ear, "you are not necessary?" So it is with my body, independent Christians who do not need the rest of the body. Here there is a giant ear, independent of all the others! There is a giant eye, but cut off from the rest of the body.

As you can see, the body of Christ becomes fragmented and ineffective even with all the tools of the 21st century. Will not the secular world say, "You are all madmen?" Christ is not divided. He is a body! Thus the "silent majority" is preparing to come on the world scene.

This body of believers will all speak the same thing! They are the true believers that will speak the truth in love. They will fulfill all my bidding. They will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint! That day is dawning!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:6

God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out when you have faith that God is speaking through you. Romans 12:6 NLT

In the course of human events, there comes a time to pause and reflect. When I tell you a thing, that thing will come to pass. It may not be in the time frame of human expectancy. Most all of the time this is so, for I am always working behind the scenes in your behalf, and for your good!

I do all things well, and for your profit. Did I not say, "I am willing to give my Spirit to them that ask?" This gift of prophecy is to be used for the edification of the body of Christ. Do not be afraid of speaking, for it is my Spirit speaking through you. You must not let your pride get in the way. I gave you this gift to share with others. I know there are brothers and sisters who need to hear these life-giving words. That is why the Holy Spirit moves you upon. It can change lives!

So listen for my still small voice and obey my promptings. Do not fear man or his position, for the Holy Spirit supersedes them. He takes top priority!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:7

If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. Romans 12:7 NLT

There is a vast difference in doing "your own thing", or doing it God's way. My dear children, do you know the difference? How do you discern between the voice of God, and your own carnal nature?

1. Is it written in the word of God?
2. Do you study to be approved of God?
3. Can you find an example of a similar instance in the word?
4. Are you waiting with patience to see a problem solved God's way?

These are some of the questions you should ask yourself.

Seeing this is a fact, let us proceed. Once you know your gift is to serve, do it without grumbling or complaining. Do it as unto the Lord, and not to be a man pleaser. Have pure motives and do it with pleasure!

A teacher must be sure that the word, and not some pet theory of themselves or that of others back up his or her teaching. If you have a different opinion than that of the word, you will greatly hamper the cause of Christ. Study and be approved!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:8

If your gift is to encourage others, do it! ... Romans 12:8 NLT

The day is far spent and it is high time to concentrate on your gifts! The gift of encouragement is sorely needed in this modern world of chaos and confusion. Satan, the author of confusion is stepping up his program. Now is the time to encourage as never before!

When you encourage, do not do it under false pretenses. By this I mean, if you have not experienced their particular situation, do not give "advice." Just listen and sympathize. Ask if you may pray with them about the situation. You may give them scriptures to guide them and give them hope.

Ask them how you might serve them in some capacity. Remember the “Good Samaritan.” He not only bound up his wounds, but found a place for him to recuperate, and gave of his resources. There are many facets to the gift of encouragement.

Remember how the Lord sent encouragers to you in a dark hour. How did it comfort you? Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you.

Amen and amen

If you have money, share it generously. Romans 12:8 NLT

Good morning to all my children everywhere! It is good to share the day with your friend and Savior today and every day! For the day of man’s rule is drawing to a close, and the government of the Kingdom of God will rule and reign. You are being trained for such a time as this. This twelfth chapter of Romans is foundational, and giving your body a living sacrifice is mandatory, and not just a suggestion! If you would rule under Christ Jesus in the coming dispensation, take this to heart.

To have money to share with others is a gift, given you by your Father in heaven, for what do you have that was not given to you by the Almighty? Lest you give all the credit to yourself, consider this! I give you power to get wealth. I expect you to share this with your physical family, and the family of God. In this way, you are storing up treasure in heaven. What account in the bank or stock market can give you that assurance? The saying, “You can’t take it with you,” is true in the natural world, but in the spiritual world, anything is possible!

Money of its self is not evil, but the love of money is a sin. It is idolatry. Use it wisely in all your affairs!

Amen and amen

If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. Romans 12:8 NLT

To be a leader is a huge responsibility. First of all he or she is constantly on display to those over which he has authority. He is to properly display a right attitude, and have a proper respect for those in his charge. He is to treat them, as he would like to be treated. An ideal leader is not afraid to work along the side of his fellow workers, and is not afraid to get his hands dirty.

He must generate goodwill and enthusiasm. He must groom them to be potential leaders and praise their progress. When there are those that are not coming along, as they should, the leader takes extra time to teach productivity and diligence.

A successful leader will have produced many more leaders! It is to their shame when a leader tries to “run down” and ridicule those under his command when he sees they are good management material. He or she becomes jealous and fearful of them. In their petty mind, they fear being replaced by those that could be promoted.

A good leader will have an excellent spirit. He will show mercy and good judgment. Yes he has a huge responsibility!

Amen and amen

And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Romans 12:8 NLT

Kindness:

Compassionate act. An act that shows consideration and caring. Taken from Encarta Dictionary.

It is with great compassion that your Savior called you to his side and it is with kindness and great love and care that he draws you. To be kind is to extend mercy and graciousness to all with which you come in contact.

How many times in your life has kindness been displayed through your family and friends? Recall these times and they will give you great joy! Extend this same kindness to others!

This gift is for the edification of all of those you encounter all during your life. When you sow these seeds of kindness, you will reap a bountiful harvest!

Part of giving your body as a living sacrifice every day is to display the gift of kindness.

Amen and amen

Romans 12:9

Don't just pretend you love others. Really love them... Romans 12:9 NLT

To know the definition of love, my little children, go to the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and review the whole chapter. Examine yourselves by those words. It is good to do this periodically. This chapter explains what true love really is!

To love is to look at another's good characteristics, and forgive the bad. It is to defer to one another in love and submit willingly to a good request. Sacrifice and love walk hand in hand. To love is to emulate your Father in heaven. He loves all his children, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.

Look around and see the many that do not have fellowship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You have all three. Have empathy for those that are unconverted and in need of the Savior of all mankind. Look at them through the eyes of love, as your heavenly Father does.

In this way you will grow in love. Grow also in grace and knowledge, so that you may share the good news of the Kingdom of God!

Amen and amen

... Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of good. Romans 12:9 NLT

"Woe unto them which call evil good and good evil!" This prophecy is fulfilled in the day in which you are living. Even my church believes some of my precepts are in the gray area. In this way man is left with faulty ideas and there is no moral compass of true guidance.

Mankind tries to set up his own rules for right and wrong. Then he gets farther and farther from the truth. Moral decay is the result and history repeats itself over and over again! It is the result of every man or woman doing what seems right in his or her own eyes. The final curtain—"There is a way that seems right in a man's eyes, but the end thereof is the way of death."(Proverbs 16:25)

This is precisely why I tell you to search the scriptures daily. Did I not say," the heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked?" Did I not say," Lean not to your own understanding?"

Continue in the word to wash your mind of all the false notions of yourself and the society in which you are living, my children. Only in doing this will you find success!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:10

Love each other with genuine affection... Romans 12: 10 NLT

In the last days the love of many shall become cold and selfish. They will be boastful and proud. They will be ungrateful and arrogant. They will hold nothing as sacred. In this loveless time, it will be difficult to be a Christian.

Those who have the Holy Spirit and the word planted deep in their hearts will demonstrate love, for it comes from within the heart, where Christ has the preeminence. Love will flow from this place and many will see the vast difference. Love is the chief gift. Cultivate love as a well-watered garden.

To love those that are unloving is a huge test and will take every fiber of your walk with Christ. He loves everyone, rich and poor, unholy and holy. To walk in his footsteps, you must do the same. It is part of the giving of your body as a living sacrifice; I might even say, "A loving sacrifice."

To do this will require a daily walk and talk with your heavenly Father. Ask him to increase your capacity for love by making your cup of love to overflow!

Amen and amen

... and take delight in honoring each other. Romans 12:10 NLT

To honor is to have great respect and admiration for someone. In this case, you are to show respect and admiration for your brothers and sisters in the faith. Each is shown honor to which honor is due. In this way, you are also showing love for them.

There are many traits that are exhibited that are connected with honor. Among these are:

1. A good reputation
2. Dignity
3. Integrity
4. A keeper of his word

To be honorable is to have a good reputation both in the church and in the world. There should be a blameless reputation. This means that there should be no outstanding bad character trait. This doesn't mean you are flawless, but to have nothing that would be a valid accusation against your character. A person of integrity is honest in his business affairs both in the church and in the world. His word can be believed and he can be trusted. He will keep his word even if it is detrimental to him.

Honor the achievements of those in your midst, and don't wait for these words to be in their eulogy at their funeral!

Give them the roses while they live!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:11

Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically. Romans 12:11 NLT

In this world of productivity, there are the workers, and there are the drones:

(Somebody who does not work or contribute anything but relies on the work or energy of others.) Taken from the Encarta Dictionary.

All people fall into one category or another, or somewhere in between. There are extenuating circumstances, of course. Health comes into play, and must be considered. If someone has a disability, he may not be as productive, but may accomplish more than a "drone."

To be enthusiastic in serving the Lord is to be in daily contact with him. He gets the productive "juices" started, so to speak. A day without the Lord in your affairs is a non-productive day. Do not squander the time, but become a profitable servant. Go beyond the call of duty. "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing." To sing unto the Lord in doing your work keeps you in touch with heaven while working.

To become a profitable servant there must be both work and worship. Then you will be led of the Holy Spirit as you work. He will guide you to the next thing on his agenda, something you may not have planned. Listen for his voice, and have a great day!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:12

Be glad for all God is planning for you... Romans 12:12 NLT

If my children could see the plans for their future, they would stop complaining right now! The things I have in the future are breath taking. So do not judge the future by the present.

Presently, trials of every sort are besetting the child of God. This is not happenstance. There are tests that must be passed for graduation. These tests are not pleasant, but the result is victory in the future! When you receive your "diploma", you will rejoice exceedingly!

Lift up your hands and praise the Lord for all he has planned for you and endure hardness as a good soldier. For you are in the army of the privileged and honored! You will receive all the honor that is due. You will be victorious in all you do. Yours is no small undertaking, but the rewards are fantastic!

Take up your cross with a new understanding and appreciation. Trust me for all I have planned, and smile, smile, smile!

Amen and amen

... Be patient in trouble and always be prayerful. Romans 12:12 NLT

The Lord your God is a patient God. He is willing to wait a situation out and see your reaction to the problem. All your problems and trials are simply stepping-stones to your destiny. If you could see the end from the beginning, you would stand up and cheer! From my vantage point, it looks utterly amazing. From my "Amazing Grace" come amazing results!

To be prayerful is to pray about everything! Instead of becoming fretful over a situation, take it to me and then drop it. You must save your strength for daily pursuits. This will give you the faith that you so desperately need. It is because you left it with me, and you are not taking the burden on your shoulders. Don't try to solve it your way, but let me work it my way. I hold the "map" of your life and I know the exact solution. If you try to solve it your way, you will not arrive at the right destination.

In the final analysis, trust me to guide you in all things and do not look to circumstances. Look to the Shepherd and Bishop of your soul. He made you for such a time as this. No weapon formed against you will prosper. That is my ironclad promise.

Amen and amen

Romans 12:13

When God's children are in need, be the one to help them out... Romans 12:13 NLT

There are many needy brethren in the world today. There are many organizations founded to help those caught in disasters, poverty and neglect. I put it on the minds of those with the means to give them aid.

Financial aid is not the only way to help your brother or sister. Give words of encouragement to those that are "down" and are not able to get up by themselves. Lend a helping hand to the sick emotionally and physically. Visit them by phone or in person. Ask if you can help with their needs for food, clothing, or shelter.

They should not have to turn to an organization, but the body of Christ should help in any way possible.

When you do this, you are laying up treasure in heaven. When my children come before me, they will be asked these questions in *Matthew 25:34-40*. When you help them, you are doing this same thing to your Lord and Savior. Grasp that concept! In doing so, you show my love to them!

Amen and amen

... And get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner, or if they need lodging for the night. Rom. 12:13 NLT

Hospitality has always been the trait of a true Christian. To invite people into your home and extend them a warm welcome is kind and generous. I gave you the means to have that home. Share it with others.

Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. Many times you were invited to dinner and you reciprocated. However in my word I admonished you to invite those who could not repay. That is where true Christianity abides.

Feed the hungry and thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison, and give the stranger hospitality!

For this cause the sheep were separated from the goats. (*Matt. 25:31-46*)

In the final analysis, when you do this to others, you are doing it to me!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:14

If people persecute you because you are a Christian, don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Romans 12:14 NLT

Persecution is rampant in the world. Not only are Christians the target, but hatred of other races and ideologies are guilty of persecuting others. As long as men have been on the earth, there have been persecutions.

Mankind has been plagued with many forms of persecution from a small thing to the death of the individual or individuals. I took note of every one! My faithful followers endured much as recorded in Hebrews 11:35-40.

What should be the attitude toward persecution as a child of God? Pray for them and bless them. They must know that you are a true Christian when they see you demonstrating the love of that worthy name by which you are called.

This is not an easy thing to do, but the rewards are great. Pray that they may be blessed with the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Amen and amen.

Romans 12:15

When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sorrow. Romans 12:15 NLT

There is not much happiness in the land of the genuine sort. Many look to alcohol and drugs to give them a sense of happiness, only to find themselves in a hopeless state. Others turn to comedy on television. However, happiness must come from within the heart. Many factors come into play when searching for true happiness. Happiness comes from knowing your Creator, and doing His will. You were designed in such a way. Nothing else will give you lasting happiness.

Sadness comes to everyone through sickness; death of a loved one, financial reverses, just to name a few. When this happens, be there for that person, and let him vent his emotions, knowing you will be there at some future date. Console them as well as you are able. Pray with them. Tell them God loves them and wants them to surrender all to him.

In the final analysis, all will experience the gamut of emotions during their lifetime. Bring your happiness and your sorrow to me.

Amen and amen

Romans 12:16

Live in harmony with each other... Romans 12:16 NLT

Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell in unity! This is essential for the body of Christ. A choir is beautiful when in harmony. My church is magnificent when in harmony!

However, I find that my body of believers are often divided into factions and are in anything but harmony. This causes divisions, faultfinding and every work contrary to the fruits of the spirit!

When this happens, it is time for a prayer meeting. Each should examine himself according to the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians. There must be a deep repentance!

“No man is an island” is a popular saying. This is true in the Christian community. You all need each other! Be united in love and purity of heart! If you have offended anyone, ask his or her forgiveness. If they have offended you, forgive them, even as your Father in Heaven forgives you.

Be holy, for I am holy. What a glorious future awaits the child of God!

Amen and amen

... Don't try to act important...Romans 12:16 NLT

There are those in the world, and in the body of Christ, that would try to impress others by their pseudo importance. They strut before others as if to say, “look at me!” They want to be “seen of men.”

You will know them by their production of true goodness, their fruit. A good tree produces good fruit; a bad tree produces bad fruit. So do not be envious because of their “showing off”, but pray for them to get a clear picture of themselves.

See that you do not follow their example, for they do not fool their heavenly Father.

Be sincere in all you do, not to please others, but to please God. Ask him to give you a pure heart, one that is free from hypocrisy.

In the final analysis, do everything to honor your Lord and Savior, who died for you.

Amen and amen

... but enjoy the company of ordinary people... Romans 16 NLT

The caste system is present in many societies. This places some to be inferior to others of “superiority.” Man is truly vain in his thinking.

Your heavenly Father regards each as an individual, and each is precious in his sight. Whether rich or poor, genius or of low intelligence, each is a treasure to their Maker. It would be good to remember this when you meet others. The same is true for other cultures, races and colors; all are precious and highly favored by Him.

How do you know if you are ordinary? Indeed, no one who draws breath in the human family is ordinary, but is a miracle of God. They may have a deformity, but they are lovely in God's sight. Do not think ordinary is unlovely. In one sense all are ordinary, until changed by the blood sacrifice of your Lord and Savior!

So begin to have a different attitude toward your fellowman, not preferring one above another.

Amen and amen

... And don't think you know it all! Romans 12:16 NLT

There are many prognosticators in the world in which you live. Some are religious in nature, some political, and also the media. However, the true predictor of the future is the Word of the Living God. In its pages are the true prophecies. They will all come to pass.

Many are so puffed up with their pseudo knowledge; they are filled with pride and arrogance. They have not rightly divided the word of truth. Pray that their darkened mind will be enlightened.

There is not a person on the earth that knows it all. Even the most studious student of the Bible is constantly learning. That is why I tell you to "grow in grace and knowledge." No human has arrived to the point where they know it all.

Seeing this is so, continue your studies daily to glean the marvelous truths contained in the most wonderful book, the Holy Bible. There you will find comfort, peace, and instruction in daily living, and a myriad of questions answered. There is no other endeavor known to man that is more profitable!

Amen and amen

Romans 12:17

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone... Romans 12:17 NLT

There is no real glory in the life of one who avenges himself against another. The many that do this have bitterness and frustration, and are in a world of hurt! The crimes of hate and murder are rampant, because they think they are "getting even."

When I say, "vengeance is mine, I will repay", it is a true and faithful saying. Many have seen this come to pass. Look up scriptures where this happened.

The way to treat your enemies is to be kind to them, as I have said. This is like pouring hot coals of fire on their head. They do not know how to handle kindness and love shown to them, and some repent of their vicious deeds.

In the final analysis, you are the winner if you do this, and they are the loser. It takes tenacity and fortitude to be kind to someone who mistreats you. Bless them and do not curse them. This is my antidote for evil. And I will repay them if they do not repent.

Be worthy of the name of Christian by following this command!

Amen and amen

... Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Romans 12:17 NLT

Not many are honorable in the day that you are living. Many are not reliable in their words or deeds. This is regrettable, for most cannot be trusted and then apathy and indifference is the result.

No one should let himself to come to such a dishonorable state. He should keep his word, even if it hurts him.

If you have this malady, go to the Savior and ask him to remind you to be a person of integrity. This is a prelude to become honorable. Integrity and honesty are two essentials. To be a person of your word is to take note of your promises and to fulfill them. Write them down and schedule it into your day! If you do forget, apologize to that individual.

In conclusion, remember to strive to be honorable in all your affairs.

Amen and amen

Romans 12:18

Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible. Romans 12:18 NLT

Peace is a wonderful, glorious fruit of the Spirit. To have peace of mind is a magnificent experience. To have peace in the midst of a storm is a heartwarming thing indeed!

“How do you get this peace?” you may ask. Peace and trust go together. To trust totally is to also have peace. You are resting in the grace of the Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. To have peace then, you must be in contact with the Prince of Peace.

Then, come what may, you are locked into the arms of peace that will never let you go! Hurricanes, tidal waves of destruction will not harm you, for you are in the arms of peace.

Extend this marvelous peace to others around you, for they need it as much as you do. The entire world is in search of peace. You have the secret!

Amen and amen.

Romans 12:19

Dear friends, never avenge yourselves leave that to God. For it is written, “I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it,” says the Lord. Romans 12:19 NLT

It is my prerogative to meet out justice, when justice is due. In the grand scheme of life, no one goes unpunished. It may appear so by looking at the individual, but I know the heart. I see what is unseen. That is why I tell you to put it into my hands, for only I know how to pay the perpetrator back. You do not know how to administer true and just punishment, and would in most cases make the situation worse.

When someone has wronged you, take it to Me. I can shoulder the responsibility, you cannot. Your job is to pray for that person or persons, and bless them, rather than curse them. This is not easy, but it is righteousness personified.

If you do this, you will be at peace.

Amen and amen

Romans 12:20

Instead, do what the scriptures say, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink, and they will be ashamed of what they have done to you.” Romans 12:20 NLT

Now there is no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (*Romans 8:1*)

To walk after the Spirit is to walk a pure and unpretentious life. There is no room for self aggrandizement or a “Holier than thou” attitude. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

When you do good to your enemies, there is a freeing of your spirit. You are no longer enslaved to your enemy, but your graciousness disarms him. In this way, you and he are no longer trapped by Satan, who is the very one that split you apart in the first place. So do not give Satan a foothold, but disarm your enemy by love, kindness and generosity.

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”, is called by men, the ‘golden rule.’ This is my will for all men and women of the faith.

Amen and amen.

Romans 12:21

Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good. Romans 12:21 NLT

With all the evil extant on the world today, it behooves all my children to learn how to conquer it. What is the first reaction to those of my children who have been wronged? You need to think in advance, how you will react. When it happens, you will be prepared, if you think about it now. In the heat of the moment, things will be complicated, and then human nature sets in. Time and time again, this will be the case. That is why I forewarn you, so that you may be prepared!

When I tell you to conquer evil by doing good, it means several things can be initiated. Counting to 50 is recommended. This will give you time to collect your composure. If an accusation is true, don't try to squirm out of it, but admit it. That will tend to disarm your accuser. If it is not true, it will then be more difficult for you.

Think again, this may be the accusers' perception of you or the circumstance. In this case, a soft answer will tend to disarm him as well. If he is in a fit of rage, don't answer him at all, for he is in the throes of emotion and nothing you can say will convince him. Wait until a future time, if he is willing to listen to reason. Remember, no weapon formed against you will prosper. Amen and amen