

(Community Commands) Live in Harmony with One Another

Romans 12:16

Romans 12:14-16 (HCSB)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Be in agreement with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

(NIV)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

(CEV)

Ask God to bless everyone who mistreats you. Ask him to bless them and not to curse them. When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people.

Bless Opponents

When we bless God, we are ascribing to him the _____ that is due him.

Luke 2:28

When _____ blesses _____, _____ bestows blessings upon _____.

When _____ bless other _____, _____ invoke _____ blessings on _____.

Paul suggests we take one more step.

Bless people who are _____ toward you, _____ toward you, _____ you, _____ about you, and _____ other people against you.

As Christians we should ask God to give greater _____, _____, _____ to people who attack or abandon us emotionally instead of wishing _____ for them.

Rejoice Together

How else might we encourage growth in our character?

_____ with people and desire for _____ to happen for them and to them (not _____).

_____ with _____ and _____ with _____.
The body of Christ _____.

1 Corinthian 12:26

Whatever experience _____ has in the body of Christ, _____ ought to experience to some degree.

We should bless even those who _____ bless us, because we (as fellow body parts) _____ in the _____ of their joys and sorrows regardless of their _____ for us, because they are our _____ and/or _____.

Exert Friendship

_____ with each other.

Paul says:

(NIV) "Live in harmony with each other"

(HCSB) "Be in agreement with one another."

(CEV) "Be friendly with everyone."

Unity with each other is more easily accomplished if both parties think the same _____, if they think the same _____.

Thus, our agreement with each other is about how we think _____ about each other. "Live in harmony with" actually means "think the _____".

Paul's idea of harmony is that we have the _____
_____.

Harmony in the body of Christ is a _____ of people who _____ each other, _____ each other, _____ each other, and _____ for each other.

What do I do with this?

Romans 12:2

We are not to ___ like the world, we are to ___ like Jesus.

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We are to think "_____" each other, not just "_____" each other.