

12[1] Therefore, I urge you, brethren, through the mercies of the God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to the God, your reasonable service. [2] And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed in the renewal of your mind, unto you proving what is the good and pleasing and perfect will of the God.

[3] For I say through the grace which was given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think more highly than is necessary to think, but to think unto the right mind,¹ each as the God distributed a measure of faith. [4] For just as in one body we have many members, so all the members do not have the same function. [5] Thus the many, we are one body in Christ, and the one according to members of one another.

[6] And having different gifts according to the grace that was given to us: if prophecy, according to the proportion of the faith, [7] if service, in the service, if the one who teaches, in the teaching, [8] if the one who exhorts, in the exhortation, the one who shares, in generosity,² the one who leads, in diligence,³ the one who shows mercy, in cheerfulness, [9] the love, without hypocrisy, abhorring the evil, cling to the good, [10] in the brotherly love for one another, loving affection,⁴ in the honor of one another, giving preference,⁵ [11] in the diligence, not lazies,⁶ fervent in the spirit, serving the Lord, [12] in the hope, rejoicing, in the tribulation, enduring,⁷ in the prayer, continuing,⁸ [13] in the needs of the saints, sharing, the hospitality, pursuing.

[14] Bless those persecuting you, bless and do not curse. [15] Rejoice with rejoicing ones, and weep with weeping ones, [16] thinking the same toward one another, not thinking the high, but associating with the humble. Be not prudent about yourselves, [17] repaying no one bad for bad, regarding good before all men, [18] if possible, that out of you, being at peace with all men. [19] Not avenging yourselves, beloved, but give a place for the wrath. For it has been written, “Vengeance is mine. I will repay,” says Lord.

[20] Therefore, if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink. For by doing this you will heap coals of fire upon his head. [21] Do not be overcome by the bad, but overcome the bad in the good.

1 Philippians 2:3-5

2 ἀπλότητι (haplotêti) “generosity” CSB, etc; “liberality” NKJV, NAS; “simplicity” YLT – found also in 2 Corinthians 1:12 (“simplicity”; 8:2 (“liberality”); 9:11 (“liberality”), 13 (“liberal”); 11:3 (“simplicity”); Ephesians 6:5 (“sincerity”); Colossians 3:22 (“sincerity”).

3 σπουδῆ (spoudê) “diligence” NKJV – used also for “haste” e.g. Mark 6:25; Luke 1:39.

4 φιλόστοργοι (philostorgoi) “loving affection” - compound word, first part is “love” (φιλό [philo]), second “affection” (στοργοι [storgoi]). Found only here in NT.

5 προηγούμενοι (proêgoumenoi) “giving preference” - more literally, “lead before” - compound word with “before” and the verb to “lead.” Thus, in this context “giving preference.”

6 ὀκνηροί (oknêroi) “lazies” - plural adjective, see Matthew 25:26 and footnote.

7 Matthew 13:21/Mark 4:17; Matthew 24:13; Luke 21:19; John 16:33; Romans 5:3; 8:35; 1 Thessalonians 3:4; Revelation 1:9

8 1 Thessalonians 5:17