



How to Respond to Grace

Romans 11:33-12:21

1. Worship

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

³⁴ For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?

³⁵ Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again?

³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

2. Submit our bodies to God

Romans 12:1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

3. Submit our minds to God

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

⁴ For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,

⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

4. Submit our abilities to God

⁶ And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *let each exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;

⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

5. Love as we have been loved

⁹Let love be without hypocrisy.

Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love;

give preference to one another in honor;

Love God

¹¹not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

¹²rejoicing in hope,

persevering in tribulation,

devoted to prayer,

Love one another

¹³contributing to the needs of the saints,

practicing hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not.

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another;

do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly.

Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Love enemies

¹⁷Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.

Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

¹⁹Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of *God*, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰"But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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