



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

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy.

Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love;

give preference to one another in honor;

Love God

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

¹² rejoicing in hope,

persevering in tribulation,

devoted to prayer,

Love one another

¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints,

practicing hospitality.

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

(See 1 Peter 3:8-12)

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

(See 1 Corinthians 12:24-27)

¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another;

(See James 2:1-9)

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

Do not be wise in your own estimation.

1 Peter 3:8 To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;

⁹ not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

¹⁰ For, "Let him who means to love life and see good days Refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile.

¹¹ "And let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And His ears attend to their prayer, But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

1 Corinthians 12:24 ... God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked,

²⁵ that there should be no division in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷ Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

James 2:1 My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* personal favoritism.

² For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,

³ and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,"

⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?

⁷ Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?

⁸ If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin *and* are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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