



How to Respond to Grace

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.

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

¹⁶ Be 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.

Romans 13:1 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities.

For there is no authority except from God,
and those which exist are established by God.

² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God;
and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil.

Do you want to have no fear of authority?

Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing;

for it is a minister of God,
an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

⁵ Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection,
not only because of wrath, but also for conscience ' sake.

⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God,
devoting themselves to this very thing.

⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*;
custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men.

1 Peter 2:17 Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle,
but also to those who are unreasonable.

¹⁹ For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when
suffering unjustly.

²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if
when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example
for you to follow in His steps,

²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept
entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

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."

¹³ And who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, *you are* blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled,

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

Matthew 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'

³⁹ "But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

⁴⁰ "And if anyone wants to sue you, and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.

⁴¹ "And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two.

⁴² "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.'

⁴⁴ "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you

⁴⁵ in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

⁴⁶ "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same?

⁴⁷ "And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

⁴⁸ "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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