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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Missing Peace – These People Are Driving Me Crazy
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Romans 12:14-18

WE LIVE IN AN AGE OF PERPETUAL OFFENSE

**If you are on a continuous search to be offended…
You will always find what you're looking for.**

- **BEING offended is inevitable… but LIVING offended is a choice.**

    Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Give careful thought to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:14-18)

    to bless: *eulogeo* (yoo-log-eh'-o) to speak well of, to wish the best for someone.

- **We are to be a <u>CONTINUAL</u> blessing to those who are a <u>CONTINUAL</u> problem.**

    Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. (Romans 12:1)

    I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

    Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble… (Romans 12:16a)

- **Jesus didn't tell us to be <u>RIGHT</u>. He told us to be <u>LOVING</u>.**

  Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. (Ephesians 4:2)

- **Your life is too short, and your calling is too <u>GREAT</u> to be offended by something <u>SMALL</u>.**

  A person's insight gives him patience, and his virtue is to overlook an offense. (Proverbs 19:11)

- **Love doesn't seek to <u>WIN</u> the argument. Love seeks to <u>PROTECT</u> the relationship.**

  If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:18)

  IT TAKES TWO TO RECONCILE… BUT IT ONLY TAKES ONE TO FORGIVE