

Our Duty To All People

Text: [Romans 12:14-16](#)

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[Psalm 56:1-4](#) (ESV)

¹ Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me;

² my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.

³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.

⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

[Romans 12:14-16](#) (ESV)

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

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

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

[Romans 12:9](#) (ESV)

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

[Romans 12:14](#) (ESV)

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you...

[Luke 6:27-28](#) (ESV)

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

[Romans 12:9](#) (ESV)

⁹ Let love be genuine...

[Luke 6:29-30](#) (ESV)

²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.

³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.

[Luke 6:32-33](#) (ESV)

³² “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

[Luke 23:34](#) (ESV)

³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

[Acts 7:60](#) (ESV)

⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

[1 Peter 2:21-23](#) (ESV)

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.

²³ When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.

[Romans 12:14](#) (ESV)

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

[James 3:8-10](#) (ESV)

⁸ No human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

[Romans 12:15](#) (ESV)

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice...

[Proverbs 17:5](#) (ESV)

⁵... he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

[1 Corinthians 12:26](#) (ESV)

²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

[Romans 12:15](#) (ESV)

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

[Deuteronomy 4:31a](#) (ESV)

³¹ For the LORD your God is a merciful God.

[Lamentations 3:22](#) (ESV)

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.

[Colossians 3:12](#) (ESV)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

[Romans 12:16](#) (ESV)

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another.

[Romans 12:16a](#) (NASB)

Be of the same mind toward one another...

[James 2:1-4](#) (ESV)

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,

³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"

⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

[James 2:9](#) (ESV)

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

[Romans 2:11](#) (ESV)

¹¹ For God shows no partiality.

[Romans 12:16](#) (ESV)

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

[James 2:2](#) (ESV)

² ... a poor man in shabby clothing...

[Luke 14:12-14](#) (ESV)

¹² (Jesus) said also to the man who had invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

[Romans 12:16](#) (ESV)

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

You are an ambassador for Christ.

[2 Corinthians 5:19](#) (ESV)

¹⁹ Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Ambassadors for Christ preach the gospel.

[2 Corinthians 5:20](#) (ESV)

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

[Matthew 5:16](#) (ESV)

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

[1 Peter 2:12](#) (ESV)

¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

[1 Peter 3:15–17](#) (ESV)

¹⁵ ... but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

[1 Peter 4:14–16](#) (ESV)

¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Christ is our supreme example.