

# The “Do Nots” From Romans 12

## Do Not Be Worldly

If you are going to be godly, you can not be worldly.

### **Romans 12:2 AMP**

And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

There should be not organization that takes care of its people better than we do as members of the church.

While we are being transformed, worldliness is being removed from our lives.

We should not discourage ourselves by measuring ourselves from the distance we are from the ideal. We should instead measure ourselves from the distance we have made from our starting point.

If we are going to be godly, we can not engage in worldly relationships. We can be friendly to them, but can not be like them.

## Do Not Exaggerate What You Do

### **Romans 12:3 AMP**

For by the grace [of God] given to me I say to everyone of you not to think more highly of himself [and of his importance and ability] than he ought to think; but to

think so as to have sound judgment, as God has apportioned to each a degree of faith [and a purpose designed for service].

The context is about doing what you do for the glory of God and recognizing that there are others who are working as well.

I would hate to pastor without my staff. It would be impossible to pastor without our volunteer staff. — Pastor Robert Morris

There are a lot of people working and serving, make sure you are not taking credit for their contribution.

“Success has many fathers. Failure is an orphan.”

## **Do Not Speak Bad Things Over People Who Provoke You**

**Romans 12:14 AMP**

Bless those who persecute you [who cause you harm or hardship]; bless and do not curse [them].

Bless those things which appear as problems for you. In your blessing, you are making room for God to move.

This is a matter of changing what you are saying.

One of the worst things in life is a borrowed offense. Do not pick up other people's offenses.

## **Do Not Exaggerate Who You Are**

**Romans 12:16 AMP**

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty [conceited, self- important,

exclusive], but associate with humble people [those with a realistic self-view]. Do not overestimate yourself.

This means that we are able to be humble and serve in any capacity. We are not too good for that job.

We are saved from pride, fleshliness, and our need to boast in our education, status, etc.

It is better to come in humbly and over perform than to boast and underperform.

Quality is meeting expectations.

## **Do Not Respond in Kind and Try to Get Even**

**Romans 12:17-19 AMP**

Never repay anyone evil for evil. Take thought for what is right and gracious and proper in the sight of everyone. If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for God's wrath [and His judicial righteousness]; for it is written [in Scripture], "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

You will have opportunities to get even but you will need to resist that temptation. Allow God to respond on your behalf.

Do not let someone else's evil action provoke you to an evil reaction.

Do not let a sinful person provoke you into condemnation.

There is no justification for our sin.

We should intercede for that person and ask the grace of God to overcome the situation. The more we bless the more we are blessed by God.

# Do Not Surrender to the Evil One

Instead overcome the evil one by surrendering to the Good One.

## **Romans 12:21 AMP**

Do not be overcome and conquered by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **1 John 4:4 NKJV**

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

## **Conclusion**

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Do not speak bad things over people who provoke you

Do not exaggerate who you are

Do not respond in kind and try to get even

Do not surrender to the evil one but overcome the evil one by surrendering to the good One