

Romans 15:1 – 7

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James 1:22–27 (ESV)²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Matthew 7:24–27 (ESV)²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Romans 15:1–7 (ESV)¹We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

strong person (abstractly) — a person characterized moral strength, courage, will, or other cognitive feature.

weak person (abstractly) — a person characterized by lacking moral strength, courage, will, or other cognitive feature. ¹

Obligation - ὀφείλω (*opheilō*). vb. **to owe, ought**. *This word can refer to owing money or goods, or more broadly to being obligated.* The verb *opheilō* is used in diverse ways. It can express obligation or duty. It can also mean more specifically “to owe”; the debt owed can be money or goods²

Romans 12:9–16 (ESV)⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you;

¹ Rick Brannan, ed., [Lexham Research Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#), Lexham Research Lexicons (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2020).

² Ron Clark and Dougald McLaurin III, [“Borrowing and Lending.”](#) in *Lexham Theological Wordbook*, ed. Douglas Mangum et al., Lexham Bible Reference Series (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).

bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 13:8 (ESV)⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 14:1 (ESV)¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.

Romans 14:19 (ESV)¹⁹So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

What are some ways that we can encourage and build up one another?

Galatians 6:1–5 (ESV)¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Colossians 3:23–24 (ESV)²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

2 Corinthians 9:6–9 (ESV)⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 13:11 (ESV)¹¹Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Hebrews 12:3–4 (ESV)³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

John 16:33 (ESV)³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

What is God placing on your heart today? Pray about this and ask him to help you to follow through.