

# ROMANS 'Disciples are Different to make a Difference." Part. 2



Romans 12:11-21

#### Sticky Statement: DISCIPLES LIVE DIFFERENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

## A Disciple is one who <u>follows Jesus</u>, <u>is being changed by Jesus</u> and who is willing to <u>commit to the mission of Jesus</u>.

Your <u>convictions</u> will make you or break you. You are your <u>conviction</u>! For better or for worse, your deepest held beliefs will define who you become.

<sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."
<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
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### 4 ways we can LIVE DIFFERENT so we can make A DIFFERENCE. I WILL ...

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"Never be lacking in zeal," v11

"zeal = "charis" = charisma, charismatic."

<sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

#### God's PROMISES---My Problems-My PRAYERS.

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2. LIVE A LIFE THAT WHAT HAVE, WITH EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE. V13-14
"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."v13
<pre>practice = a verb that describes a chase or hunt. hospitality = philoxenos (philo = love xenos = strangers or guests.)</pre>
Notes:
3. LIVE A LIFE THAT FOR HURTING
"mourn with those who mourn."v15b
"God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. <sup>4</sup> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we

will be able to give them the same comfort

God has given us." 2 Cor.1:3b-4

**Relational Discipleship Moment:** Take some time to listen & care for those who are hurting, so that you can mourn with those who mourn. The biblical definition of *Comfort = Responding to a hurting person with words* feelings in touch. Hurting width and four others in the middle of their pain or grief. (Romans 12:15, 2 Cor 1:3-4) \*\*See Screen for caring prompts.\*\*

One thing I'm struggling with right now is...
The biggest challenge for me right now is...
One of the hardest things going on in my life is...
I feel especially alone in this area...

### 4. LIVE A LIFE THAT \_\_\_\_\_\_ FORGIVENESS & PEACE IN EVERY SITUATION. V16-21

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<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." v18, 21

DO THE WORD: "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you." v18 Who is a person you need to forgive and give a space for grace?