

**TRANSFORMED LIVING
FOR
A TRANSFORMED MIND**

(Rom. 12:9-21)

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⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

13 When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them.

15 Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD.

20 Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."

*21 Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. **Nlt***

(Jn. 17:20,21)

20 “I do not pray for these alone [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for [all] those who [will ever] believe and trust in Me through their message,

21 that they all may be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe [without any doubt] that You sent Me.”

Amp

(Phil. 4:8,9), *“Finally, believers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable and worthy of respect, whatever is right and confirmed by God’s word, whatever is pure and wholesome, whatever is lovely and brings peace, whatever is admirable and of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think continually on these things [center your mind on them, and implant them in your heart].*

*9 The things which you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things [in daily life], and the God [who is the source] of peace and well-being will be with you.” **Amp***

THREE PROOFS OF TRANSFORMATION

- 1. A LOVING SPIRIT**
- 2. A HUMBLE SPIRIT**
- 3. A PEACEFUL SPIRIT**

1. We Possess a Loving Spirit:

(Rom. 12:9,10), “ *9 Love is to be sincere and active [the real thing—without guile and hypocrisy]. Hate what is evil [detest all ungodliness, do not tolerate wickedness]; hold on tightly to what is good.*

*10 Be devoted to one another with [authentic] brotherly affection [as members of one family], give preference to one another in honor.” **Amp***

(Jn. 13:34,35), *“I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too are to love one another.*

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another.”

2. We Possess a Humble Spirit

(Rom. 12:16): “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.”

Romans 12:13-15), *13 “contributing to the needs of God’s people, pursuing [the practice of] hospitality.*

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

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice [sharing others’ joy], and weep with those who weep [sharing others’ grief].”

Amp

3. We Possess A Peaceful Spirit

(Rom. 12:17-21) *“Never repay anyone evil for evil. Take thought for what is right and gracious and proper in the sight of everyone.*

18 If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

19 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.

20 BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR BY DOING THIS YOU WILL HEAP [BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

*21 Do not be overcome and conquered by evil, but overcome evil with good." **Amp***

(Rom. 16:17-20), “I urge you, brothers and sisters, to keep your eyes on those who cause dissensions and create obstacles or introduce temptations [for others] to commit sin, [acting in ways] contrary to the doctrine which you have learned. Turn away from them.

18 For such people do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites and base desires. By smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting [the innocent and the naive].” **Amp**

19 For the report of your obedience has reached everyone, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.

20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”