

Living for the Weak

(As Opposed to Living for Self)

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I. Review: The life lived by faith is the life lived in self-sacrifice

A. The just (one whose ways are conformed to the will of God) live their lives by faith

Rom 1:17 ...The just shall live by faith.

B. Knowing God's mercy makes it reasonable to live a self-sacrificing life

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

C. A self-sacrificing faith-led life becomes one with others in the church

Rom 12:5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

D. In addition to the gift of faith, God gives gifts to equip us to serve others

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us...

E. Real love that leads to a self-sacrificing righteous life of serving

Rom 12:10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

F. A life lived with self-sacrificing love to all men in all situations

Rom 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

G. Living in Jesus' kingdom, while still living in an earthly kingdom

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

H. Living the life of love toward all men

Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

I. Live for Christ and not for self

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

J. Christian living is ruled by other men's feelings in things indifferent

Rom 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

Rom 14:14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

Rom 14:15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

Mat 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

1Co 13:4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind...charity vaunteth not itself...

1Co 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own...

1Co 13:7 Beareth all things...endureth all things.

1Co 8:13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Mat 12:20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench...

Luk 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

K. Living in Jesus' kingdom is not ritual—but constant consideration of others

Rom 14:16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Rom 14:18 For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Rom 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Rom 14:20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence.

Rom 14:21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

1Co 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak...

1Co 12:23 And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness.

Ecc 4:9 Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

Ecc 4:10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.

II. Why do I have to be the one to give in?

A. Paul's said the strong need to give in —Are you a strong or a weak Christian?

Rom 14:1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, *but* not to doubtful disputations.

Rom 15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Rom 15:2 Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

B. “Strong” comes from living life by faith close to God

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

Isa 40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

1Co 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

1Co 16:14 Let all your things be done with charity.

1Co 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

1Co 16:16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with *us*, and laboureth.

III. Living for the weak as opposed to living for self

Rom 15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Rom 15:2 Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

A. The strong are to help the weak become stronger

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Gal 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Gal 6:5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

B. Christ suffered insult and injury for the weak

Rom 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Psa 69:7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

Psa 69:8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

Psa 69:9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

C. May our minds be as Jesus' mind (as one mind) focused on others to God's glory

Rom 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

Rom 15:6 That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Php 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

Php 2:3 *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Php 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

D. As Christ has come to us and said, "Come unto me"—so should we to others

Rom 15:7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Mar 9:36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

Mar 9:37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

2Co 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.