

Romans 15:1-6

We who are strong have an *obligation to bear with the failings of the weak*, and *not* to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴ For 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. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you *to live in such harmony with one another*, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that *together* you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers, 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. *Bear one another's burdens*, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. *I have become all things to all people*, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all *for the sake of the gospel*, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Romans 12:9-10

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ *Love one another with brotherly affection*. Outdo one another in showing honor.

1 Peter 5:1-5

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but *willingly*, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but *eagerly*; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. *Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another*, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”