

CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE
WITHIN THE CHURCH
Romans 12:15,16

We Have a Responsibility to Respond Emotionally (15)

- Two emotional extremes are given: r_____ & weeping
 1. Most of the time our emotions are between the extremes.
 2. What might cause a person to rejoice?
 3. What might cause a person to weep?
- Rejoicing with those who rejoice (e.g. birth of a baby)
 1. What we should not do - be j_____ over a person's good fortune
 2. Some things we can do - C_____ them; applaud them; join in their celebration.
- Weeping with those who weep (e.g. loss of a loved one)
 1. What we should not do - d_____ ourselves to avoid our own discomfort.
 2. Some things we can do - give a hug; give a listening e_____; give our presence; give a tissue; give a helping hand; give a gift.

We Have a Responsibility to Restore Lovingly (16a)

- Comparing translations
 1. Being of the same m_____ (literal translation) - in Greek thought, this meant to have agreement in a_____
 2. Living in h_____ with each other (concept translation)
- What causes disharmony (or disagreement in attitude?)
 1. Not o_____
 2. Only s_____
- How do we deal with believers who are in sin?
 1. The sin must be identified by the B_____
 - a. The Pharisees put their man-made S_____ rules on an equal plane with scripture (Jesus viewed this as wrong - Mk 7:7,8)
 - b. Many Christians make the same mistake by making man-made rules as authoritative as scripture (e.g. I Cor 6:19,20 - no tobacco products, no high cholestral foods, etc.)
 2. P_____ confront for the purpose of restoring the person to harmony (Matt 18:15; Gal 6:1 - 1_____)
 3. If private confrontation does not work, bring one or t_____ with you to confront for the purpose of restoring to harmony (Matt 18:16) - make sure you give t_____ for repentance (Rev 2:21)
 4. If team confrontation does not work, get the whole c_____ involved in going to the person (Matt 18:17)
 5. If church confrontation does not work, then the person is to be treated as an o_____ (Matt 18:17 - Gentiles and tax gatherers were not considered part of the religious community; 1Cor 5:11-13).
- What happens if we do not work to restore believers who are in sin? - sin will spread throughout the church like y_____ spreads throughout a lump of dough (1Cor 5:7)

We Have a Responsibility to Receive Willingly From All (16b)

- There are two contrasting words:
 1. H_____ - refers to a prideful attitude
 2. L_____ - refers to a lower position
 - a. A p_____ person was considered lower than a rich person.
 - b. A p_____ farmer was lower than a doctor.
- Application #1 – don't see any other believer as b_____
you – we all are part of the same body, the body of Christ.
- How is the last sentence different than the above?
 1. The literal translation – *stop being prudent by yourselves*
 - a. This is more than just being conceited (NIV)
 - b. This is talking against being s_____ -sufficient.
 2. Application #2 – we must willingly receive from every believer in the body: encouragement, giving, teaching, helping, counseling, mercy, etc. – **WE NEED EACH OTHER**