



## Scripture for the week of June 27: Romans 12:1-21

“1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. 9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 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. 20 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.’ 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

### Sunday, June 27:

**Scripture:** Read above Scripture slowly (even if it is very familiar to you).

**Questions:** What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on this Scripture this week? Will you be open to hearing from God as you read this Scripture this week and how God desires to use you in His ministry?

**Prayer:** Lord, let me open this week to all that You have for me. I desire to be more open to You and how You desire me to serve Your people. Let me be attentive to Your voice and presence as I walk through this week with You.

### Monday, June 28:

**Scripture:** Read Romans 12:1-3: “1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”

**Questions:** How well do you do at offering yourself as a living sacrifice to God as an act of true and proper worship? Do you often have thoughts that you do not want to be a part of your thought life? Can you allow yourself to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? Do you see that focusing on God will renew your mind? Do you come across as better than others? Are you willing to do something about this?

**Prayer:** Lord there is so much here that I need help with. Teach me how to offer more of myself to You, to change my thought life by being reminded to be transformed and to not come across to others as better than them. Humble me this day Lord.

### Tuesday, June 29:

**Scripture:** Read Romans 12:4-8: “4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”

**Questions:** Isn't it a great illustration of what the church should look like? Do you like the idea of feeling that you are a member and you belong to all the others even with your differences, through Christ? Are you encouraged to use your gifts after reading this?

**Prayer:** Lord, if I am not feeling a part of the body of the church, show me how I fit in with the others. Make it clear to me what my gifts are so that I can use them in the body of Christ.

### **Wednesday, June 30:**

**Scripture:** Read Romans 12:9-11: “9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

**Questions:** Do you think these instructions are difficult? Is your love sincere? Do you hate what is evil and cling to what is good? Are you devoted to others in love? Do you honor others above yourself? Do you never lack zeal but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord? How did you do answering these?

**Prayer:** Lord, remind me daily how to live my life with these instructions. Obviously some of them are difficult but with Your help all things are possible. I desire to be living my life the way You want me to.

### **Thursday, July 1:**

**Scripture:** Read Romans 12:12-15: “12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”

**Questions:** Do you see that the rest of this Scripture will tell us how we should act? Do you find this frustrating or are you encouraged by this list? Don't you find that some of these you are already doing?

When that is the case, doesn't it make things more encouraging?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, thank You for encouraging me this day. Some of this list is easier than the day before. Continue to help me where I am struggling with Your instructions. Help me to lean into You as I try to be more and more like You.

### **Friday, July 2:**

**Scripture:** Read Romans 12:16-18: “16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

**Questions:** What do you think of these instructions? How well do you do at living in harmony and peace with others? Do you struggle with not repaying anyone evil for evil? Do you struggle with being conceited? Are you willing to change how you do things?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I again need Your help with changing my actions and living a life more like Yours. Continue to help me be more like You.

### **Saturday, July 3:**

**Scripture:** Read Romans 12:19-21: “19 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. 20 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.' 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

**Questions:** Do you struggle with wanting to take revenge? Will you allow God to take out His wrath on others rather than you doing it? Can you overcome evil with good? How will you do this?

**Prayer:** I confess that in reading some of these instructions, I recognize that I am not always the way You desire me to be. Remind me of this Scripture often so that I can think more carefully before I take action. When I become angry at another and desire to get even, help me to release it to You so that I will allow You to avenge what they have done to me that was so hurtful.