

## **Romans 12 Outline**

### **1A** Commands to the body and soul of Christians, vv.1-3:

- 1B** Regarding the use of the body, 1 Therefore I exhort you, brothers, through the tender mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, your reasonable service.
- 2B** Regarding the transformation of the mind, 2: And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, for you to test what is the will of God, the good and well-pleasing and mature.
- 3B** Prohibition against pride, 3: For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who exists among you, to not arrogate beyond what he ought to think, but to think toward the purpose of sensibility, each as God has apportioned a measure of faith.

### **2A** Explanation of the one/many/one another of spiritual gifts, vv.4-8:

- 1B** The one/many analogy of the human body, 4: For just as we have many parts in one body, and not all the parts have the same function,
- 2B** The fulfillment of the analogy in the body of Christ, 5: so also we many are one body in Christ, and each one members of one another.
- 3B** The differing natures of gifts and their function, vv.6-8:
  - 1C** The principle of differing grace, 6a: And having differing gifts according to the grace given to us,
  - 2C** The distinctive manner of six spiritual gifts, vv.6b-8:
    - 1D** Prophecy, 6b: if prophecy, according to the proportion of faith;
    - 2D** Ministry, 7a: if ministry, in the ministry;
    - 3D** Teaching, 7b: if the one who teaches, in teaching;
    - 4D** Exhortation, 8a: if the one who exhorts, in exhortation;
    - 5D** Sharing, 8b: the one who shares, in single-motive;
    - 6D** Leading, 8c: the one who leads, in diligence;
    - 7D** Mercy, 8d: the one who shows mercy, in cheerfulness.

### **3A** General principles and commands, vv.9-21:

- 1B** The true nature of virtue love, 9a: Virtue love is without hypocrisy.
- 2B** Proper actions toward good and evil, 9b: Abhor evil, clinging to the good.
- 3B** Two actions for relationships, 10: [Be] those of kindly affection to one another in brotherly love; [be] those of initiative to one another in honor;
- 4B** Spiritual passivity and activity, vv.11-13:
  - 1C** Prohibition against spiritual passivity, 11: do not [be] those who are timid in diligence;

- 2C Seven constant spiritual activities, vv.11b-13: boiling in the Spirit; serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope; persevering in tribulation; persisting in prayer; 13 sharing to the needs of the saints; pursuing hospitality.
- 5B Right attitudes toward various peoples, vv.14-15:
  - 1C Toward persecutors, 14: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
  - 2C Toward the circumstances of others, 15: Rejoice with those rejoicing, and weep with those weeping.
- 6B The proper attitude toward other Christians, 16a: Think the same thing toward one another, not thinking lofty things, but be led away together to the humble things.
- 7B Prohibition against self as standard for sound thinking, and proper constant actions of sensible thinking toward minimizing conflict with others, vv.16b-21:
  - 1C Prohibition for self-standard thinking, 16b: Do not become sensible to yourself alone:
  - 2C The constant actions of sensible thinking, vv.17-21:
    - 1D No revenge, 17a: Repaying no one evil for evil.
    - 2D Transparent planning, 17b: Planning good things before all men.
    - 3D Peacefulness, 18: If able, what is from you, being at peace with all men.
    - 4D Leave vengeance to the Lord, 19: Not avenging yourselves, beloved, but give place to wrath, for it has been written, "Vengeance is mine, I Myself will repay, says the Lord."
    - 5D Take care of the needs of enemies, 20: Therefore "If your enemy is poor, feed him; if thirsty give him to drink; For doing this, you will heap coals of fire on his head."
    - 6D General principle, 21: Do not be conquered by the evil, but conquer evil by means of good.