

One Body

Romans 12 – 16

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My dear brothers and sisters, let faith permeate your entire life. Devote yourselves to God's service. And remember, you are not alone. We who believe are all members of one body. We must each exercise the gifts God has given us in support of one another. Always be ready to help out when help is needed. Don't be overcome by the evil around you; conquer evil by doing good.

You must submit to governing authorities. It may not always seem like it, but those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. Do what is right, and you'll have nothing to fear.

Stay out of debt. The only debt you should have is your obligation to love one another. So avoid arguments about petty things like whether it's right or wrong to eat certain foods or to worship on certain days. Your guiding principle is this: Don't do anything that might lead another believer into sin. If you follow Christ's example, always acting out of love and faith, God will fill you with joy and peace and hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I know you already understand these things, but we can all use a reminder from time to time.

After many years, it looks like I will finally be able to visit you. First, I have to deliver a gift to the assembly in Jerusalem. Then I plan to come your way. Maybe you can help me. I want to go to Spain since the good news hasn't been shared there yet.

In my travels I've met many Roman believers who had been banished by imperial edict. Give my best wishes to those who have now returned home.

To God be all glory forever through Jesus Christ!

Amen.