

mies who are continually persecuting you.

- *Bless and curse not* - (It was this kind of love that was demonstrated to Paul which first got his attention when Stephen was martyred and prepared the way for his conversion).
  - *Rejoice with them that do rejoice* - We are to share in the happiness of others.
  - *Weep with them that weep* - Show compassion for those in sorrow.
  - *Be of the same mind one toward another* - Live in one accord, in unity; be of one mind with them
  - *Mind not high things* - do not get caught up in unlawful desires to be rich and powerful.
  - *But condescend to men of low estate* - Be friends with all classes of people; and be careful to associate with the humble and godly.
  - *Be not wise in your own conceits* - Don't become a snob, but take real interest in others, in ordinary people.
3. There are 7 commands mentioned in Romans 12:17-21 regarding to Christian conduct to the world. Name them.

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## TWELVTH STUDY

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### DUTIES OF THE BELIEVER

#### RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD GOD (Romans 12:1,2)

When we respond to the mercies of God, and receive the salvation of our souls, we must move on from there to a place of surrender and walking in the Spirit. We must commit ourselves to His service. We are to become wholly the Lord's.

Paul, in Romans 12:1, urges the brethren to ...*present your bodies a living sacrifice*. We no longer have to offer up sacrifices of dead animals on the altar for reconciliation with God as we find in the Book of Leviticus.

1. In Romans 12:1, what does Paul call the presenting of our bodies as a living sacrifice unto God?

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It must be a willful act on our part.

2. In Romans 12:2:
- (a) What does Paul say we are not to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) What does Paul say we are to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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(c) What reason does he give for (a) and (b)? \_\_\_\_

3. How do we renew our minds? \_\_\_\_\_

We, as followers Christ, should desire to grow in the Lord and move-on-up from living in the good will of God and the acceptable will of God to the perfect will of God.

RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD SOCIETY (Romans 12:3-21)

What we think about ourselves is one of the most important parts of walking in the Spirit (Romans 12:3). When a follower of Christ begins to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, he has to go back to square one. Repentance! God has assigned to every believer a measure of faith. Faith here, means “accomplishing faith.” This kind of faith is the power given by God to achieve things (cf. I Corinthians 13:2).

1. What do you think it means to think soberly about ones self? (Romans 12:3)\_\_\_\_\_

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*We, being many, are one body in Christ, have gifts differing according to the grace (unmerited favor) that is given to us whether it be the gift of prophecy or the gift of mercy (Romans 12:5,6). One gift is just as important as the other. Each person should be contented to exercise his own gift.*

All gifts are to be operated in faith (Romans 12:6).

2. In what 3 attitudes should we operate in with these gifts? (Romans12:8) (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2)\_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_\_\_

*God is love (I John 4:8) and God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us (I John 4:12): so whatever God is, is what we should strive for more than even the gifts. We are to develop the love God put in us.*

21 Commands Regulating Christian Brotherhood  
(Romans 12:9-16)

- *Let love be without dissimulation* -Let love be real.
- *Abhor that which is evil* - Hate and detest all evil.
- *Cleave to that which is good* - Be cemented to good
- *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love* - Love with brotherly affection.
- *In honour preferring one another* - Give preference to one another in honor.
- *Not slothful in business* - Never be lazy and careless.
- *Be fervent in spirit* - Maintain zeal to the boiling point.
- *Serving the Lord* - Give your life into service for God; and let it not matter to you whether or not you receive personal gain and applause.
- *Rejoicing in hope* - Let your hope be a joy to you.
- *Patient in tribulation* - Show patience in all your troubles.
- *Continuing instant in prayer* - Stay always in readiness to pray.
- *Distributing to the necessity of saints* - Contribute to the saints in need.
- *Given to hospitality* - Make it a practice to be hospitable toward the believers.
- *Bless them which persecute you* - Bless your ene-