



“Living Sacrifices”

Romans 12:14-16

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1. Living sacrifices bless _____ . v14

"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse." - Rom 12:14

1) Christ left an example for us to follow. 1Pe 2:23

23 and while being reviled, **He did not revile in return**; while suffering, **He uttered no threats**, but kept entrusting [Himself] to Him who judges righteously; [1Pe 2:23]

✱ Your _____ are powerful. Pro 18:21; Mt 12:34, 36-37

21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue**, And those who love it will eat its fruit. [Pro 18:21]

34 "... For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. ... 36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. 37 "For **by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**" [Mat 12:34, 36-37]

✱ _____ a blessing in your enemies hearing. Act 7:60

60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "**Lord, do not hold this sin against them!**" Having said this, he fell asleep. [Act 7:60]

2) Take joy in others _____ . v15

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." - Rom 12:15

✱ It guards your heart from _____ . v

✱ It guards your heart from the fleshly _____ .

3) _____ sorrow over others pain or trauma.

✱ Be _____ but do not try to fix or correct.

✱ Represent your _____ Christ in the flesh.

✱ Kindness and gentleness are _____ of the Spirit.

A sorrow shared is. But half a trouble. A joy that's shared is A joy made double.

2. **Living sacrifices** _____ **to be like Christ.** *v16*

"Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation." - Rom 12:16

1) **Think toward one** _____ . *Phl 2:2*

2 make my joy complete by **being of the same mind**, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, **intent on one purpose**. [Phl 2:2]

✱ _____ **to Christ.** *Rom 15:5*

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another **according to Christ Jesus**, [Rom 15:5 NASB95]

✱ **Diversity unified in** _____ . *1Co 1:10*

10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be **no divisions among you**, but that you be made complete in the **same mind** and in the **same judgment**. [1Co 1:10]

2) **Don't put yourself** _____ **others.**

3) **Willingly associate with the** _____ . *Isa 66:2*

2 "... "But **to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit**, and who trembles at My word. [Isa 66:2]

4) **Do not think only of** _____ . *Pro 3:5-7*

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 **Do not be wise in your own eyes**; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. [Pro 3:5-7 NKJV]