**Selfless: Paul’s Letter to the Romans**

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The mercies of God motivate our consecration through transformed thinking (12:1-2)—first about ourselves (12:3), then about our role within the body of Christ demonstrated particularly in humble service (12:4-8), evident in active love (12:9-21; 13:8-10) and proper submission (13:1-7) in light of the urgency the time (13:11-14). So how do we actively love when others have different perspectives?

**Romans 12–13** General principles for Christian living Actively love

**Romans 14–15** Specific instructions for the church Maintain unity

**Mutual Acceptance** (14:1-12)

**Thesis**—Welcome the weak in faith (14:1)

**Issue**—Their conflict (14:2, 5)

**Exhortation** (14:3-4, 10-16)

**Motivation** (14:5b, 6-9)

**Reflection questions:**

How can I make honoring the Lord my primary motivation when making choices for how I will live and interact?

Am I viewing negatively other believers who make different choices on how to live for God?