

Selfless: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 14:1-12 – page 948

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?