



**Romans 14:1-15:7**  
**Counsel for an Exhausted Congregation, Part IV**

**LESSON: Counsel that Will Recalibrate Your Focus Toward Eternal Principles**

**I. Life Expressly for Christ (14:1-9)**

**II. Live Considering Eternity (14:10-15)**

**III Live for Kingdom Goals (14:16-17)**

**IV. Live as a Peacemaker and Encourager (14:18-19)**

**V. Live with Sensitivity and Confidence (14:20-23)**

**VI. Live to Emulate Christ (15:1-4)**

**VII. \_\_\_\_\_ (15:5-6)**

**VIII. \_\_\_\_\_ (15:7)**

**Recognize and Apply Your Gifts (Romans 12:1-8):**

1. Mercy
2. Intercession
3. Serving
4. Exhorting
5. Generosity
6. Discipleship
7. Encouraging (1 Thess. 5:14)
8. Hospitality



9. Peacemaker (Matthew 5:9; James 4:18)

**Counsel from God:**

**1. God's Cure for Unforgiveness**

Proverbs 19:11b

שְׂכַל אָדָם הָאֵרֶיךָ אִפּוֹ וְתַפְאֶרְתּוֹ עֵבֶר עַל־פְּשָׁעוֹ:

it is his glory [our glory or honor] to overlook an offense

“The word for glory is sometimes translated ‘beauty’ (e.g. Exod. 28:2): it suggests adornment, and so brings out here the glowing colours of a virtue which in practice may look drably [flat or flatly] unassertive.” (Derek Kidner, 125)

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Colossians 3:12-13

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

**2. God's Cure for Impatience**

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Love is patient and kind

2 Peter 1:3-11



### **3. God's Cure for Bitterness**

*Bitterness is hatred's siamese twin*

1 John 3:15

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Ephesians 4:31

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice

### **4. God's Cure for Anger**

Proverbs 12:16

The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.

Proverbs 15:18; 16:32

Proverbs 19:11a

Good sense makes one slow to anger,

Proverbs 29:22

A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression.

Ephesians 4:26

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger

Matthew 5:21-24

### **5. God's Cure for Anxiety**



Proverbs 12:25

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

Matthew 6:25-34

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Peter 5:6-7

Finally,

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.