

Romans 12:9-21

Introduction

- The context covers _____
- Notice the possible _____ (bookends)
- 12:3 & 12:16
- Even if the context is about spiritual gifts, we can still make _____ of the various areas as a matter of developing _____ living
- We should never make an _____ for lack in a certain area because we are not gifted in that area
 - Mothers _____ children
 - Professors grading papers _____
 - Believers _____ neighbors

Structure of Romans 12:9-21

- _____ characteristics (vv. 9-16)
- _____ vengeance (vv. 17-21)

Godly Characteristics (vv. 9-16)

- **v. 9**
 - Without hypocrisy >> _____ love – heart driven not just surface
 - Abhor >> intense _____
 - Good >> God's _____?
- **v. 10**
 - Devoted/brotherly love >> _____
 - Honor >> _____ position
 - Give preference >> _____ highly
- **v. 11**
 - Diligence >> _____
 - Fervent >> _____
 - Serve >> _____
- **v. 12**
 - Hope >> _____
 - No _____ what
 - Devoted >> persevering, not _____
- **v. 13**
 - Contribute >> _____ (fellowship)
 - Pursue loving _____?
- **v. 14**
 - _____ of those who persecute you

- Remember _____
- **v. 15**
 - Identify _____ with your brothers and sisters in Christ as they go through both _____ and _____
- **v. 16 – Summary Statement**
 - Think _____
 - Avoid _____
 - You are _____ God's greatest gift to the world

Proper Vengeance

- Structure of 12:17-21
- **Never pay back evil for evil to anyone _____ (v. 17)**
 - Respect what is right in the sight of _____ (v. 17)
 - General principle: If it is possible, as much as depends on _____, live peaceably with _____ (v. 18)
- **Never take your own _____ (v. 19)**
 - But leave room for the _____ of God (v. 19)
 - Deuteronomy 32:35
 - General principle: Therefore, if your enemy is hungry feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap _____ on his head (v. 20)
 - Coals of Fire – Positive or Negative Interpretation?
 - 2 Samuel 22:9-13 // See also Psalm 18:8-12
 - Psalm 140:9-10
 - Ezekiel 24:9-14 – Clearly the _____ is in view in the use of the imagery
- **Do not be overcome by _____ (v. 21)**
 - But overcome evil with _____ (v. 21)
- **Issue # 1** – Is God's vengeance something that takes place _____ or is it talking about _____ balancing of the books? (see 2 Thess. 1)
- **Issue # 2** – Does the teaching that we should not take vengeance mean that we cannot _____ if attacked with violence?