

NAVIGATE

LEARNING TO NAVIGATE
THROUGH THE CHAOS

“The Difficult & Immense Call to Sacrifice” Part 2

Romans 12:14-21
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Sacrifice – to surrender or give up, or permit injury or disadvantage to, for the sake of something else.

(*Dictionary.com*)

to give up something useful or important that you choose not to do or have, in order to have something that is more important: (*Cambridge English Dictionary*)

Our call is to sacrifice our lives Vs 1-2

We must have right relationship with the Lord

Our call is to sacrifice in service to others Vs 3-8

We must have a right thinking about ourselves

Our call to sacrifice is confirmed by our lives Vs 9-13

We must be in a right relationship with others

- We must be willing to love authentically Vs 9a,10
- We must hate wrong and love good Vs 9b
- We must be passionate in serving Vs 11
- We must persevere through trials Vs 12
- We must be generous & hospitable Vs 13
- We must bless those who mistreat us Vs 14
Matthew 5:39-48; Luke 6:27; 1 Peter 2:21-23
- We must identify with others Vs 15
1 Corinthians 12:26; Colossians 3:12; Galatians 6:2

- We must be humble Vs 16
1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 1:27; James 4:10; Galatians 6:3; Proverbs 3:7; Isaiah 5:21
- We must love even when wronged Vs 17-21
 - ✓ **Never return evil for evil** Vs 17a
1 Peter 3:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Proverbs 20:22
 - ✓ **Always respect what is right** Vs 17b
2 Corinthians 8:21
 - ✓ **Live in peace with everyone** Vs 18
Romans 14:19; Hebrews 12:14; 1Thes. 5:13b
 - ✓ **Never avenge yourself** Vs 19
Hebrews 10:30; Deuteronomy 32:35
 - ✓ **Overcome evil with good** Vs 20-21
Proverbs 25:21-22

Our Response:

1. What is your (and others) normal reaction when someone wrongs you? Why is this our natural reaction? Name a time this happened to you.
2. Why is it so hard to want to bless someone who hurts us? Why does doing this make us more like Jesus?
3. Why is it so important to identify with others either in their joy or their sorrow? What difference does it make for them and even for you?
4. Why is it important to leave room for God's vengeance and not ours? Why isn't this easy to do?
5. How can you be a peace with others and not return evil for evil for those who disagree with you or even hurt you?
6. Can you really overcome evil with good? How can you do that in your life?

