

Marks of a Christian – Part 6

Romans 12:15-16

a. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

a. Within the family, mutual love and respect make this natural. If it is imperative to wish good for your enemies, it is natural to share the good fortunes and misfortunes with those whom we love and respect. There will be no motive of rivalry.

b. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

a. harmony () – literally, be of the same mind, or disposition, toward one another.

i. What would I wish you to think of me? And what is the Golden Rule? Let us believe lovely things about one another. I'm not suggesting that we be naive. Of course we all have flaws. I'm talking about choosing to ignore these and trust one another and credit to one another the integrity we choose within ourselves.

ii. "The one who never remembers, the things you want to forget."

b. haughty () – Put aside any distinctions between birth, heritage, financial standing, social status, education, or past. We are all new creatures in Christ.

c. Romans 12:10b - Outdo one another in showing honor.

d. 1 John 4:11 - Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

e. Philippians 2:3-4 - **3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

f. Wise in your own sight

i. Rom.12:3 - For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

1. Applicable beyond the gifts of the context in which Paul used it.