



## Supernatural Practical Christian Living Part 4

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I want to turn in your Bibles, if you would, to Romans chapter 12, Romans chapter 12, as we continuing on in our study of Romans 12 and our look specifically at Romans 12:9-21. Character qualities of the Lord Jesus Christ, really, character qualities of what it looks like when you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Almighty God, the principles for Christian living. Of all people, it was Lenin, responsible for philosophical communism, who said this: *With a handful of dedicated people who will give me their lives, I will control the world.* And in some people's minds, that is still in process. But what Lenin was referring to there is a character quality that is very, very common, has been said by many, many other people, and it's simply this: The world belongs to the disciplined. The world belongs to people who are disciplined, if you will. *A properly disciplined life is a life not out of control. An out-of-control life is an undisciplined life. And very often the lack of discipline and the out-of-control kind of style of living is a result of a rather passionate effort towards self-improvement, self-fulfillment, success, money, material things, something more than what you have. A desire for drugs and alcohol and all of that gets mixed in with it. And there's a furious effort to have a good time out of life and discipline goes by the wayside.* Teddy Roosevelt said this: *The things that will destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first, the love of soft living, and the get rich theory of life.* I love what one theologian, however, said. He said: *In the battle for ideas, in the battle for the truth, in the battle for the preservation of a society and a culture, the victory belongs to the disciplined mind.* He goes on to say a disciplined mind can evaluate, a disciplined mind can think critically, a disciplined mind can discern, and one of the greatest things lacking in evangelical Christianity today is discernment, discernment. In Christian circles, the loss of a disciplined mind where everything is accepted as "Christian" and anything goes. And even among Christians, we have this attitude of a recreational approach to life. And there's an inability to be able to evaluate and understand truth.

What is self-discipline? And why are you talking about that? Because the dictates that are set forth in Romans 12:9-21 are aspects of a disciplined life for Christ. Self-discipline can be defined as this: *The ability to regulate your conduct by principle and sound judgment rather than by impulse, desire, high pressure, or social custom.* Let me say that again. *Self discipline is the ability to regulate your conduct by principle and sound judgment rather than by impulse, desire, high pressure, or social custom.* To put it simply, self-discipline is the ability to subordinate; is to put your 'if it feels good, do it' desires underneath the authority of something else.

By the way, this is, I didn't get this from anywhere else, it's just my own personal opinion. But you know one of the reasons why there is such, I believe, such a lack of discipline among



many men, primarily, in our culture today? Over 50 years ago, we got rid of something. Now regardless of what you think about it, I'm just making the comment from a practical standpoint. We got rid of the selective service system. Some of you say, well, what's the selective service system? When I was growing up in the 50s and 60s, every young man who turned 18 years of age, within 30 days, he had to register with a selective service agency. And they had a local, meaning the draft, and you are eligible for the next 21 to 24 months to be drafted into the military, even in peacetime, okay? Now when I was growing up, the Vietnam War was in full swing when I hit 18 and they were drafting like crazy. And then after that, you had to be available for five years to be drafted into the reserves and where you ultimately might get called up. Say, well, what's the point? A lot of men, a lot of young men at that time, if they didn't get a college deferment, literally would enlist in the reserves to fulfill that duty. And I can't tell you, the number of high school and college classmates and others who told me over the years, "I learned personal discipline through the military." And we've lost that in many ways. I mean, that's just one little simple example, but it jumped out at me as one that I wanted to share with you. Paul says this in Philippians 1:27, ***Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.*** In Philippians 2:12, he says, ***So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.*** And we saw last time, basically what he's saying is, behave like believers. And the character to which we are to be conformed and the discipline of life, which we are supposed to have, is set forth for us there in these verses of scripture.

And I wanted to digress just one little point here in setting this up. I can't point to Bible verses to support this. But the question came up in speaking to a very young relative. Well, Uncle John, I mean, how can I develop this discipline in my life? And I think this is really good. These are not original with me. But for those of you who have children and maybe you're young people yourself, as well as old people, I think it'd be a blessing. Let me just recite them to you real quick. First of all, start small. Start very small. Meaning what? You want to develop personal discipline in your life? Are you ready for it? You parents are going to love this one. Young people, are you ready? Clean your room. Clean your room. If it's messed up, put it in order. If it's out of place, put it back. Here's a great one. Make your bed. Now, you think I'm being facetious. If you want to have a good 20 minutes sometime, a very profitable 20 minutes, you go on YouTube and you look up, don't do it now, please. I know some of you may. Don't. Wait, okay. Look up Admiral William McRaven. His address in 2014 to the graduating class, 8,000 students graduating from the University of Texas at Austin. He's a Navy Admiral at the time. He'd been 30 plus years a SEAL. And he said, lessons I learned from SEAL training. And the very first lesson he gave to have those 8,000 students live a disciplined life and be a success in life. He says, first thing every morning, make your bed. And he said, why? He says, because you know what? You need to have the sheets all tight and the corners tucked under with the so-called nurse's corners and the blanket tight on it. I can remember my dad, my brother, when the military used to say the sergeant would come in to inspect and he wanted to be able to pop a quarter on it and make that quarter



pop up. You had to be that tight. Your pillow had to be fluffed properly and put right in the center of the bed, right underneath the headboard. He said, why would you do that? Why is that a big deal? He says, first of all, you will have accomplished a task. And accomplishing one task well has a tendency to flow into accomplishing other tasks well, also; other tasks flow from it. But here's another thing, a real important principle. You've heard all your life, oh, you know, don't sweat the small stuff. Big error, untruthful, sweat the small stuff, especially in your spiritual life. Little bitty cracks grow into great fissures of sin if they're not addressed immediately. Sweat the small stuff. And then I like what he said. And he said, and if you have a rotten day and everything goes bad and you don't complete any other tasks that day, at least you'll come home to a well-made bed. So there you go. Also, and this was one that was very convicting for me, and I want to be better at this. Be on time. Be on time. If you say you're going to be somewhere at a certain time, be on time. Here's a third one. Developing self-discipline in your life. This has really helped me. If you got a bunch of things to do, take the hardest task and do it what? First. Do the hardest task first. Here's a fourth one. Organize your life. One of the best blessings that ever happened to me. I was a very organized person anyhow, I had to be. But when I first moved to the Valley to be in-house counsel for a real estate development firm, they sent me to, it isn't around anymore, called Time Systems. And it was a time management course. And I thought, oh, I'm organized. No, I learned a lot of great principles. But the point is: plan. Plan your life. Otherwise, you'll be reacting to the tyranny of the urgent all throughout the day. Here's another one. Fifth. Be grateful for correction. Some of the best correction I've ever received in my life is from my wife. Be grateful for correction. Here's another one. Practice self-denial. Practice self-denial. Anyway, I love, actually, the late John MacArthur shared this with me one time. He says, I want to never be controlled by my passions. He said, so John, you know, I'll be out somewhere sometime, maybe with the kids, the grandkids at the time. And we'll take them all out for ice cream or whatever. And I'm buying everybody hot fudge sundaes. And he said, you know what? It's okay to have a hot fudge sundae. It's not, by the way, it's not a question of calories. It's a question of just being able to tell yourself on occasion, "no". And he said, I may buy a hot fudge sundae for everybody. But on occasion, I'll just order an iced tea with NutraSweet or something and just not do it. I might be out to a fabulous meal somewhere where I have the opportunity to have a steak dinner. I might just have a hamburger instead. Just to be able to tell yourself, "no". I think those are great, great principles for self-discipline.

Well, the greatest principle of all to help with self-discipline is buried right here in our text in Romans chapter 12 at the end of verse 12, ***devoted to prayer***. The Word of God, the Holy Spirit of God operative in your life. And making self-discipline a matter of prayer. And as we go through these character qualities and look at them and say to yourself, you know, I'm good at this. Oh, I could be better at that. Or I'm weak at this. And Lord, please enable me. Help me. I want to live a life pleasing to you. I want to be more conformed to Christ. And so, if you see something on this list as we go through it, as always, if it's [inaudible] to make it a matter of your personal prayer.



Now, he starts out in verse 9. We've seen these. We start out with personal attitudes. Then the circle widens. And it's our attitudes and our conduct towards other believers. Then the circle gets a little wider. And it's our conduct and our attitude towards everybody in society, believer or non-believer alike. And then we're going to finally end up with our attitude towards our enemies before this chapter is done. But verse 9, just to pick it up where we left off. **Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.** There we go. Love those within the family of God. How? **Give preference** to them, **to one another in honor;...** And we talked about what that meant. Be quick to bless them, quick to thank them. **...not lagging behind**, verse 11, **in diligence, ...** And what do we say that meant? Don't be lazy. Not lazy in the Christian life. C.T. Studd said this: *Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.* In other words, he wanted to advance the gospel of Christ and not be lazy in the Christian life. I love what John Wesley said one time, you give me a hundred men who love God with all their heart and hate sin with a holy passion and we will change the world. And it's still so true. Still so true. Remember our Jim Elliott quote, am I ignitable? Am I able to be on fire for God? Because that next verse there, **not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit**, meaning enthusiastically, joyously wanting to do this for the glory of Almighty God.

Well, now we're getting to a couple more that we haven't covered as we drop down to verse 13. Well, let me read, **serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ...** And then here's where we left off last time, verse 13, **contributing to the needs of the saints, ...** Contributing to the needs of the saints. And I left off underscoring, remember I said you're going to hear this guy running for the mayor of New York City and others who are going to want to support communism and socialism. And they'll say, you know, if Jesus was alive today, he'd be a socialist. He'd be a communist. Not true. They want to go to Acts chapter 2. And we talked about that last time about how the disciples sold their goods and were contributing to those who had needs. That was a voluntary contribution. It was brought about by the particular needs of the church growing at that time, by the way. He had all these people into Jerusalem for the high feast days. And all of a sudden on the day of Pentecost, Peter stands up and preaches that great first sermon. And you got 3,000 people added to the church that very first day. 3,000 people who now are professing Christ contrary to their religious leaders, which causes them to get de-synagogued. And the Jewish people around not wanting to open their homes to them. And they're far away from their own homes. And they have tremendous needs. And there are no Holiday Inn's around. And so people are taking them into their homes. And they're selling things and trying to provide for one another's needs. But it was a voluntary system, not a government-enforced, controlled, forced distribution of wealth. It was voluntarily brought on.

Now he says here, **contributing to the needs of the saints.** We're talking about contributing to the needs of others within the body of Christ. That word *contributing* there is a great word. Actually, it's where we get the word communion. It's *koinōneō*. (G2841) It means



fellowship, sharing, partnership with. And basically it means having a heart attitude where you see yourself as a partner with others within the family of God. And if they have a need and you can meet that need, you help your partner, if you will. I own certain property physically. Spiritually, you and I own nothing. It's all Almighty Gods. And this is a command for you and me to be good stewards of what has been given to us. Hebrews 13:16 is a great commentary on this text. It says, ***And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*** If you ever wanted to know of a sacrifice that God is definitely pleased with, it's when you give of some of your substance to meet the needs of others within the body of Christ. 1 Timothy 6:17. 1 Timothy 6:17 says this, ***Charge them that are rich in this world...*** By the way, that would be most of us. Get this. This is from a survey of about 13 years ago. I'm sure it's still relevant today. If you as a family unit gross \$10,000 U.S. dollars a year, you are in the upper 16% of the people on this planet. You make more than 84% of the rest of the world if you just make \$10 grand a year. If you make \$50,000 a year or more, you and I are in the upper 1% of the people on this globe. That just gives you a little feel for how blessed we are living in the West and where God has placed us. That's really not to lay a guilt trip on you whatsoever. It's God's the one who's blessed us with it. But what it is, is to do just what Paul in the Word of God tells us in 1 Timothy 6:17, ***charge them that are rich in this age... to do good.*** Not to sell everything you have and take a vow of poverty and give it all to the poor and move into a monastery. It doesn't say that. It says, (vs 18) ***They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.***

Now, always brings up the question, well, I want to be willing to share. I want to, by the way, and I do mean this seriously, I don't want to bring about, I don't want to blunt any conviction that the Holy Spirit and the Word of God might be laying on an individual heart, but I also want to commend where commendment is due. And you as a church family are incredibly generous. For a very small church, we do give generously. And it's a blessing, a blessing to see. And it encourages my heart greatly when I see that in all of you. But continuing on with this, the question comes up, okay, distributing to the needs of, who is my neighbor? That's a question to come up. That's why I chose to read that good Samaritan passage. Who is my neighbor? And there is a place, and you know we have taken Samaritan's Purse offerings for the Hurricane Ian people in Florida. And if it comes up and there's a need to meet, we'll take a special offering for the Kerrville, Texas flood victims if necessary, or whatever. But I'm, this is not talking about putting your money in an envelope and sending it overseas or sending it out of state or something like that. There's a place for that. And we as a church do that. That's not what this passage is talking about. What this passage is talking about is you and me meeting needs of other saints within the body of Christ. One pastor shared it this way: *When somebody is in your path with a need, meet it.* And what sometimes amazes me, he says, is I'll get a phone call, and the phone call will go something like this, quote, by the way, pastor, did you know that so-and-so and so-and-so have a great need? Could the church give them some money? And this pastor said, I have a standard answer to that. Did you know about that need? And the person will say, well, yes.



Do you think, the pastor says, I asked them, do you think maybe the Lord brought that need in front of you so that you might meet that need yourself? That is really very, very good. There is no Reformed Living Bible Church. You, individually, me, we are Reformed Living Bible Church. And if God places a need in our path, we need to first ask ourselves, God, do you want Teri and me to meet that need? Do you want me to do that before I even think about going to the church corporately and asking for it? In any event, it's a way of being a steward of your finances. It's, many of you do such, you put us to shame by the way you live out this principle, but some need to be encouraged more. I certainly need to be more sensitive to this myself in doing that.

Another one that I wanted to get to before we get to the Lord's table is right here at the end of verse 13. It says, ***contributing to the needs of the saints...*** Here's another character quality. Here's another attitude. Here's another personal discipline to be more conformed to the image of Christ. ***...practicing hospitality.*** Practicing hospitality. That means a lot more than what you right now think that means. What that phrase is actually saying in the Greek text is to pursue the love of strangers. Pursue the love of strangers. Well, what are you talking about? Well, again, in the early days of Christianity, there were no Holiday Inn's. And when there were traveling preachers and ministers and others or people who came in for certain high feast days or whatever, Christians opened their homes to these individuals. It says in Titus 1:8 that an elder is to be hospitable, a lover of hospitality. 1 Peter 4:9, ***Be hospitable to one another without complaint.*** That tells me that there's going to be times when it's a hassle when it may not be all that easy. And by the way, hospitality takes on different forms and to different people. It isn't just opening your home. It's opening your heart. My wife has taught me more about hospitality than any person I know. Here's one principle she taught me early on in our marriage. I struggled with this one at first, but then I got it. And it was this. John, I don't ever want to give somebody a gift that I wouldn't want to get myself. That's really, it's part of her gift of mercy, but it's the gift of hospitality. We are an incredibly hospitable church. We open our arms to strangers. One of the things that has blessed me more than anything else, a lot of people visit us because of the radio ministry and other things like that. On occasion, they'll come down and say, "Hi, just want to tell you, hello, I'm visiting today." And invariably, they'll say, you know, you really, without my prompting, nine times out of ten, they'll make a comment about how friendly your congregation is. You have a very friendly congregation. I just really want to encourage that outreach, if you will, to strangers. Many of you, by the way, open your homes. You open your homes to Bible studies and home fellowship meetings through the week. And I know the Kesto's and others, they have a, when they're in town, they have a regular deal where they open their home to have people over for just Sunday brunch and for fellowship and fellowshiping with other saints and so forth. Luke 14:12-14, is a great passage of Scripture that comments on this. In Luke 14, the Lord said this, the Scriptures say this, ***And He, Christ, also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your***



**repayment. But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,** (In other words, invite those who aren't that cool.) **and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."** What's he saying? Pursue strangers. You know, one practical application of this, my wife and I, we love doing this. If we go to a wedding, a lot of times it's a wedding that I'm performing. We'll go to a wedding and invariably, look, we have a dysfunctional family and all of you do as well. And someone, the bride, the groom, or one of the parents or somebody will come and say, you know, Uncle Harry's coming and he's a little bit of a whack job. And you know what, Teri and I, put us at his table. Put him with us. We're a little bit crazy ourselves. Put us with all the whack jobs or whatever. Next time you go to a seminary banquet or a CAP function or the next time you go to a wedding, as long as there's not assigned seating or something like that, a wedding reception or even a reception after a funeral. Seek out the strangers. Go sit with somebody you don't know. It is amazing what God can do through those kind of relationships. I was so humbled, many times, but this one time I had a client, this is 25 or plus years ago, major real estate developer, had a project up in Sedona, Arizona built around a golf course. Absolutely fabulous, first class, world class facilities. And they wanted to jump start this project and they completed the golf course and they were completing some of these structures on the golf course. And because he was my law client, he asked me to be a participant in this golf outing that they were going to have. This was, to me, the big time. They had a private plane at Scottsdale Airport and they got about, I don't know, 50 or so of Phoenix Valley's movers and shakers. The owner of the Phoenix Suns, Jerry Colangelo at the time, and other individuals and some people who I knew their names, didn't know them personally, but incredibly wealthy individuals to take up to this function, this golf outing. So I'm going to get to go. Little peon me, I get to go with the movers. And so I'm all fired up about this. And right when I'm about to go out to the door, to go over to the Scottsdale Airport, to get on this private, think about a private plane to fly to Sedona. That was a short flight. But in any event, to get on this plane, to go to Sedona. So Teri says to me, now John, don't be a respecter of person. Make sure that you just go with the flow. Don't worry who, don't worry about who you're seated with. Because in my, I knew they were taking some sports athletes and some big name athletes. And I thought, how cool if I could sit next to that guy, you know. Okay, honey, good reminder. So I get to the airport. They're loading the golf clubs. They're loading the luggage. They get everything on the plane. Everybody gets on board. I'm lagging back like I should have. And I'm one of the last couple of guys. And guess what? Every seat on the plane is filled. Oh no. No, John, you can still go. We got a place for you. You know that little fold-down metal jump seat that the flight attendants up near the cabin? I got this entire plane full of the big names of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. And I don't even get to see them. I'm sitting up with my back to them on some middle fold-down chair that is uncomfortable, by the way, as it could be. In any event, and one guy got seated next to me. I knew this guy's face. I knew him from church, but I didn't know who he was. So, okay. And what do you do? Oh, and we're off to the races. Talking to one another. I'm going to just make the most of it. Who cares where I am? This is where you want me, Lord. Okay. As it turns out, that individual was a very



wealthy individual (or he wouldn't have been on the plane), and he was very much involved in an international prison ministry, but was very frustrated with the wasting of funds and the lack of open doors into the prisons. He wanted to get the gospel into the prisoners. And I happened to mention to him, my brother-in-law, Reese Kaufman, Child Evangelism Fellowship. And they have started a prison ministry. And many of the prisons in Texas have been open to them. Long story short, as a result of that one-time conversation, I gave him my brother-in-law's contact. He got with my brother-in-law. And here we are almost 30 years later. That man is still supporting CEF and partnering with CEF to open up prisons in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas, and I think maybe one in South Dakota, to the gospel of Jesus Christ, all because my wife reminded me of a biblical principle to pursue strangers, to pursue strangers. God will bless in ways we can never imagine our simply conforming ourselves and being obedient to the word of God.

And I need to be obedient to the clock because I cannot believe how much time has escaped. So you men who are going to service communion, please come forward right now. And as they do, I want to underscore something about communion just quickly. As a matter of fact, in a few weeks, our next communion Sunday, which will be the last Sunday in August, I'm going to maybe just dedicate the whole service on the things, why we do the ordinance of communion and what it's all about and so forth. But for today, I'm going to remind you of some scriptures in just a moment. In just a moment, the elements are going to be passed. In just a moment, you know, one of the reasons why we do it is to remember the atoning work of Christ. And I'm going to prompt you and say, you know, He took the bread and He said, "this is my body". And He took the cup and He said, "this is a cup ..." and so forth. And we'll go through all that. But the question becomes, well, why?

The bread, yes, it represents His physical body, but the bread represents Christ's life. You see, it isn't that He's dying for you and me. He's also exchanging His righteous life for our sinful life as He takes our sin on Himself.

The cup represents His death. The bread represents his life that He lived. The cup represents His death, His shed blood.

One is propitiation. One is pro. Remember that word propitiation? Pro. Pro. Four. It appeases God. It turns His anger and His wrath away from us and extends His mercy for towards us. That's His death. That's His blood. That's His atoning work at Calvary. That's propitiation.

But the other thing that takes place is the cross beam, if you will. Expiation. He not only pays the penalty for our sin at Calvary, but He removes the guilt. He gives us, like I said, His righteous life. It's literally, we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ. And what He does, oh, I'm going to underscore it after the elements are passed out. I'll wait to do that.

But don't participate in this in an unworthy manner. Of all the attitudes we should have when we come to the Lord's table, gratitude, humility and gratitude should be uppermost.



And with a heart that says, God, by Your grace, don't let me defame Your name with my sin anymore. When I walk you through the elements, I'll underscore what I was about to share with regards to the bread and the cup. But for now, men, serve us the elements.

The scriptures say that the night, hours really before He was crucified, He took the bread and He broke it. Now the English says, and He gave it to His disciples. What He really says there is He took the bread and He broke it and He kept on giving it out. He kept passing it around. That is very, very significant and symbolic. How so? Because the bread, it represents His physical body that died on the cross, yes. But it represents more than that. It represents the 33, give or take years, of perfect, righteous life that He lived. So that that body of righteousness that He lived out, it would be bestowed upon us in this mutual exchange where our sin is laid on Him and His righteousness, spiritually speaking, is a credit to our account. He is still giving of His body, if you will, to us. He lives right now and ever makes intercession for you and me before the throne of the Father. I don't understand all of that. It's one God, not three. But the scriptures are clear. He's still giving His body, if you will, to us. With that thought in mind, with a recommitment to holiness, He says, this is My body. Take and eat and do so in remembrance of Me. Let's remember the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The wafer, the bread, the cracker, symbolic of His body, of His life, His righteousness given to us. The blood, like I said before, symbolic of His actual death, appeasing the wrath of God, propitiation. But then I said expiation, taking away the guilt. It's one, I always use this example. It's one thing to be, you're a prisoner on death row in the Arizona State Penitentiary and the governor gives you a pardon. You're free from the penalty of death. That's propitiation. That's His dying in your place. That's appeasing the wrath of God. That's taking your penalty. But, expiation. There's a second aspect. When He removes the guilt, he's saying, look, it's not just that you're not going to hell. I've paid the penalty. But I want to have fellowship with you. I've removed the guilt. That's the governor of Arizona not just giving you a pardon and getting you off of death row. It's the governor also saying, and by the way, here's an invitation. I'd like you to come and be with my wife and I and have dinner at the governor's mansion. I want to fellowship with you. It's so much more. It's all of that and more. The scriptures say, in similar fashion, He took the cup. And He said, this is a cup of a new and an everlasting covenant that I make with you, one I'm sealing in My very own blood. My goodness, why would God save you? Why would He save me? Not because of any goodness, any merit in you or me whatsoever. Totally, for His glory, He's chosen to die for you and to reveal this truth and to adopt you in the family of God and to make you one of His children. There's nothing in life that you should be more grateful for than the mercy of Almighty God. Let's remember the death of Christ.

Father, we thank You for this ordinance of remembrance. You have said, or it's been said, that the Lord's Table Communion, what we just did, is one of the means of grace. How come, or how can eating a cracker and drinking some grape juice cause You to show more grace to us? Father, we humble ourselves before You when we recognize that our salvation is all of



You and none of us. Father, it's humbling, and You have said in Your word that You give more grace to the humble. Thank You for saving our soul. Thank You for even implanting the desire within Your children to want to live out these principles in Romans chapter 12. Father, by Your grace, enable us each day to love You better and to serve You more until You return or till You call us home. May we be found faithful. We ask it again in the matchless name of Jesus the Christ. Amen and amen.