

**Romans 12:3-16**

v3 – grace	(noun)	undeserved kindness
v3 – ought	(verb)	should
v3 – sober	(adjective)	serious and thoughtful
v3 – ‘in accordance with’	(phrase)	in agreement with
v3 – faith	(noun)	belief; trust; dependence
v4 – function	(noun)	useful purpose
v5 – Christ	(proper noun)	God’s chosen King of all – that is, Jesus
v6 – prophesying	(gerund)	speaking God’s words to God’s people
v7 – serving	(gerund)	doing what is useful for others
v8 – encourage	(verb)	give someone confidence
v8 – generously	(adverb)	with a large amount; with readiness to give more than is strictly necessary
v8 – diligently	(adverb)	carefully and thoroughly
v8 – cheerfully	(adverb)	happily; in a pleasant way
v9 – sincere	(adjective)	genuine; without pretending
v9 – evil	(adjective)	against God and his instructions
v9 – cling	(verb)	hold tightly to something
v10 – devoted to	(adjective)	care about someone enthusiastically
v11 – zeal	(noun)	eagerness; strong desire; great enthusiasm
v11 – fervour	(noun)	strong feeling for or belief in something
v12 – joyful	(adjective)	happy; glad
v12 – hope	(noun)	the act of looking forward to something that has not yet happened
v12 – patient	(adjective)	staying calm and not getting annoyed as you wait, often for a long time
v12 – affliction	(noun)	something that causes physical or mental suffering
v12 – faithful	(adjective)	reliable; trustworthy
v12 – prayer	(noun)	the act of speaking to God
v13 – in need	(phrase)	has physical needs; does not have enough food, clothing etc to live on
v13 – hospitality	(noun)	warm, friendly and generous welcome towards other people
v14 – bless	(verb)	show favour to

v14 – persecute	(verb)	treat someone cruelly because of their race, religion etc
v14 – curse	(verb)	ask God to bring evil or injury to someone
v15 – rejoice	(verb)	express great joy and gladness
v15 – mourn	(verb)	express great sadness because someone has died or because something very valuable has been lost
v16 – ‘in harmony with’	(phrase)	peacefully, without fighting
v16 – associate	(verb)	spend lots of time with; support publicly
v16 – conceited	(adjective)	too proud of their own achievements; arrogant

**Romans 12:3-16 (New International Reader’s Version)**

<sup>3</sup> God’s grace has been given to me. So here is what I say to every one of you. Don’t think of yourself more highly than you should. Be reasonable when you think about yourself. Keep in mind the faith God has given to each of you. <sup>4</sup> Each of us has one body with many parts. And the parts do not all have the same purpose. <sup>5</sup> So also we are many persons. But in Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts. <sup>6</sup> We all have gifts. They differ according to the grace God has given to each of us. Do you have the gift of prophecy? Then use it according to the faith you have. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. <sup>8</sup> Is it encouraging others? Then encourage them. Is it giving to others? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy? Then do it cheerfully.

<sup>9</sup> Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Stay excited about your faith as you serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. <sup>16</sup> Agree with one another. Don’t be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren’t considered important. Don’t think that you are better than others.