

MORE COMMANDS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Romans 12:14-15

I. Bless Those Who Mistreat You

Diōkō - persecute, to systematically oppress and harass due to one's religious beliefs

Eulogéō - to ask God to bestow divine favor on, with the implication that the verbal act itself constitutes a significant benefit

Kataráomai - to curse, doom, imprecate evil upon; to cause injury or harm by means of a statement regarded as having some supernatural power

Matthew 5:44

Luke 6:27-33

James 3:9

Acts 7:59-60

Luke 23:34a

1 Peter 2:21-23

II. Rejoice And Weep

Cháirō - rejoice, be glad, be delighted

Philippians 4:4

1 Corinthians 13:6

2 Corinthians 7:9

Philippians 1:18

Acts 5:41

Colossians 2:5

1 Peter 4:12-13

2 John 4

3 John 3

Klaiō - weep, wail, bawl, cry loudly

Matthew 26:75

Luke 19:41

Luke 23:28

Philippians 3:18

James 4:9

James 5:1

III. Be Humble and Hang with the Humble

Phronéō - to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for; to seek one's interest or advantage

Hypsēlos Phroneo - be haughty, arrogant; high minded

Synapagō – associate, share in doing

Tapeinós - lowly, humble of status

James 2:1-8

Philippians 2:3-4

Phrónimos - intelligent, wise

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Acts 4:13

James 1:9

James 4:6, 10

Closing Thought: God's people will interact with the people around them (believers and unbelievers) in ways that are completely counter intuitive. We will bless those who persecute, curse and revile us. We will rejoice and weep consistent with Biblical reasons for those actions. And we will think very little of ourselves and desire to be with others who do the same. The Christian life is radical and against the norm in the ways it is lived out. Is your life being lived as we are commanded?