

Christian Living: Zeal, Trouble and Fellowship

Romans 12:11-13

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What does a living sacrifice look like?

Our text is in the middle of a long string of exhortations.

Slothful in Zeal?

What does that look like - Slothful zeal?

Examples?

Fervent in Spirit

Christian Living Requires Passionate Service

You shouldn't live the Christian life like many endure High School or College.

Allow yourself to be set on fire by the Holy Spirit?

Zeal here means a seething, or a boiling.

Don't become weary in well-doing.

We must learn to serve out of the received mercies of God in Christ.

How is a zealous Spirit shown? This burning with the Holy Spirit?

I am a living sacrifice.

The dangers of preaching Christian duty.

Our duty should be our delight.

Learn to eat the trouble sandwich.

Rejoice in Hope - Guaranteed Hope, Future Hope. Romans 5:1-5

We can rejoice in the promised victory now.

Future Grace can be enjoyed now. (1 Cor. 2:9; 2 Cor. 4:17; Rom. 8:18; Ps. 16:11)

Hope that enables us to patiently bear with affliction and trouble.

Persevering in Tribulation

Where does patient perseverance come from? How is it developed?

How can we be patient under our tribulation?

Devoted to Prayer

How is your prayer life?

Participating in the Needs of others

Other's needs belong to us, and our needs belong to them.

We share ourselves with one another; both gifts and needs.

Living in godly community.

Love of Strangers

Practicing hospitality

Make your home a place of ministry for the body of Christ.

Open your hearts and homes to others. Pursue it. Initiate it.

Join wholeheartedly the fellowship. Pitch in your gifts and your needs.