

Personal Discipleship Lesson-2:

What Does a  
Normal, Healthy Believer  
Look Like?

Romans 15

First, Mature, normal, healthy believers **display compassion** for believers who differ with their convictions (Romans 15:1-3).

Second, Mature, normal, healthy believers **display personal hope** from God through the Scriptures (Romans 15:4).

Third, Mature, normal, healthy believers **display a united direction** in Christ with other believers (Romans 15:5).

Fourth, Mature, normal, healthy believers **display a passion for Christ not self** (Romans 15:6).

Fifth, Mature, normal, healthy believers **display a connection to God** as their source of hope through the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

Sixth, Healthy believers are **filled with the Holy Spirit** who produces the fruit of goodness that fills their lives (Romans 15:14a).

Seventh, Healthy believers are **experiencing personally** the truths of God, which is experiential knowledge (Romans 15:14b).

Eighth, Healthy believers **understand & use God's Word** to admonish each other (Romans 15:14c).

Healthy believer feed on  
the doctrines of God's  
Word, and display spiritual  
strength & growth.

Romans 15:1-4

Romans 15:1-4 (NKJV) We then **who are strong** ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and **not to please ourselves.** 2 Let **each of us please his neighbor** for his good, **leading to edification.** 3 For even **Christ did not please Himself**; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” 4 For whatever things were written before were **written for our learning,** that we through the **patience and comfort of the Scriptures** might have **hope.**

First, Mature, normal, healthy believers **display compassion** for believers who differ with their convictions (v.1-3).

They are vitally concerned about others more than themselves.

Jesus & Others & You, what a wonderful way to spell **JOY**.



Second, Mature, normal,  
healthy believers **display personal**  
**hope** from God through the  
Scriptures (v. 4).

Lam. 3:21-24 (NKJV)

This I recall to my mind, Therefore **I have hope**. 22 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because **His compassions** fail not. 23 They are new every morning; **Great is Your faithfulness**. 24 "The **Lord is my portion**," says my soul, "Therefore **I hope in Him!**"

Third, Mature, normal, healthy  
believers **display a united  
direction in Christ** with other  
believers (v. 5).

Romans 15:5-6 (NKJV) Now  
may the God of patience and  
comfort grant you to be **like-**  
 **minded** toward one another,  
according to Christ Jesus,

Fourth, Mature, normal, healthy  
believers **display a passion**  
**for Christ not self (v.6).**

Romans 15:6 (NKJV) that you  
may with **one mind and one  
mouth** glorify the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Seven times in the book of Acts the early church is described by the same word. That word is most often translated "with one accord".

The Greek word that is used in Acts is an adverb (*homothumadon*) that means "together, unanimously, with (in) one mind, purpose, accord".

As Christ's Body we  
Share a Life of Worship:  
Acts 1:14

As Christ's Body we Share a Life  
of Togetherness: Acts 2:1



As Christ's Body we Share a Life  
of Fellowship: Acts 2:46

As Christ's Body we Share a Life  
of Prayer: Acts 4:24

As Christ's Body we Share a Life of  
Unitedness: Acts 5:12

As Christ's Body we Share a Life of  
Responsiveness: Acts 8:6

As Christ's Body we Share a Life of  
Investment: Acts 15:25

Fifth, Healthy Believers **Display**  
**a Connection to God** as their  
source of hope through the Holy  
Spirit v. 13.

Romans 15:13 (NKJV) Now may  
the **God of hope** fill you with all  
joy and peace in believing, that  
**you may abound in hope** by  
the power of the **Holy Spirit**

I Sam. 30:1-6

Sixth, Healthy believers are  
**filled with the Holy Spirit:** Who  
produces the fruit of goodness  
that fills their lives. v.14a

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myself am confident concerning  
you, my brethren, that you also  
are **full of goodness**

Seventh, Healthy believers are  
**experiencing personally the  
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v. 14b



Romans 15:14b (NKJV) Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, **filled with all knowledge**, able also to admonish one another.

Eighth, Healthy believers  
**Understand & Use God's Word**  
to admonish each other (v.14c).

Romans 15:14c (NKJV) Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, **able also to admonish one another.**

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