



Lesson 11
"Right Relationships
Produces Right Living"
Romans 12-13

In all of his letters, Paul concluded with a list of practical duties that were based on the doctrines he had discussed. In the Christian life, doctrine and duty always go together. What we believe helps to determine how we behave. It is not enough for us to understand Paul's doctrinal explanations. We must translate our *learning* into *living* and show by our daily lives that we trust God's Word.

The key idea in this section is *relationships*. The term "relational theology" is a relatively new one, but the idea is not new. If we have a right relationship to God, we will have a right relationship to the people who are a part of our lives. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar" (1 John 4:20).

Our Relationship With God

12:1-2

Christian dedication involves three steps:

1. You give _____ your _____. 12:1
2. You give _____ your _____. 12:2a
- 3 You give _____ your _____. 12:2b

Our Relationship With Other Believers

12:3-16

Essentials to the ministry and growth as the body of Christ:

1. Honest _____. 12:3
2. Faithful _____. 12:4-8
3. Loving _____. 12:9-16

Our Relationship With Other Enemies

12:17-21

1. If a believer seeks to obey God, he or she will always have enemies. How should we respond to those who do evil against us? "Do not repay anyone _____ for _____. 12:17
2. On the contrary, Paul quotes Proverbs 25:21-22 "If your enemy is hungry, _____; if he is thirsty, _____. In doing this you will heap _____ on his head." 12:20
3. "Do not be _____ by _____ but _____ evil with _____." 12:21