

11. Why do many people not want to associate with the lowly or with lowly jobs (*Romans 12:16*)?

12. How can we *be devoted to prayer* on each other's behalf this week?



Message #99: Bless, Rejoice, Weep, Be Humble

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Sermon Notes

Verse 14

The world, without realizing it, can, by persecuting you, pay you a great tribute and do you a great kindness. By treating you in the same way our Lord was treated, it is giving you an absolute proof that you are a child of God.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

We may say we want others to go to heaven with us, but are we willing to endure enough suffering that the reality of God in us is undeniable to those who know us?

Mark Vaughan

An over estimation of one's own self-importance is a sure sign that gospel humility is lacking in an individual.

Sinclair Ferguson

The greater the hurt, the greater the potential blessing that will come when we bless those who curse us.

Ray Pritchard

Self conceit is an evidence both of weakness of mind and of ignorance.

Robert Haldane

Love that is genuine will not respond to a fellow believer's joy with envy or bitterness, but will enter wholeheartedly into that same joy.

Our overly exalted opinion of ourselves, leading us to think that we are always right & others wrong and that our opinions matter more than others, prevents the church from exhibiting the unity to which God calls her.

Douglas Moo

The person who is wise in his own eyes is rarely so in the eyes of other people.

Leon Morris

Verse 15

Verse 16

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2:21-23)?

2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?

7. What is the purpose of rejoicing and weeping with those who are rejoicing and weeping (*Romans 12:15*)? Which is harder? Why?

3. What does genuine love do in response to persecution or mistreatment (*Romans 12:14; Luke 6:27-33*)?

8. According to *Psalms 56:8*, how does God respond to our troubles?

Why is this kind of love so distinct in the world?

9. In our culture, how might we be tempted to show pride and conceit (*Romans 12:16*)?

4. How does *Romans 12:14* help you to think about facing a hostile world today? How does it change your expectations about what you will experience in this life?

10. What do the following phrases mean (*Romans 12:16*)?
Be of the same mind toward one another —

5. How should we respond to those who persecute us? Give some NT examples of responding in this way.

Associate with the lowly —

6. What example did Jesus leave us for dealing with persecution (*1 Peter*

Do not be wise in your own estimation —