

ROMANS

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Romans Chapters 12 & 13 – Review & Use

Before we begin our examination of Romans Chapter 14, we pause today to: 1. Honor Fatherhood *and* 2. "Review and Use"

THOUGHTS ON SPIRITUAL FATHER-FIGURES...

Definition: A growing Christian man who intentionally, often strategically, invests in the lives of specific younger people with the intent to be a conduit of fatherly care and a source of Christ-like influence.

Our lives speak loudly to those around us, especially to the children in our home [and the young men & young women observing us]...A good father [biological & spiritual] is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." -Billy Graham

GUEST DAD #1 _____

ROMANS REVIEW & USE

Six Central Truths and Summary Statements from Romans Chapters 12 & 13

Romans 12:1-8. Central Truth & Principles:

God's compassion inspires our enthusiastic service and ongoing pursuit of **inward renewal resulting in an outwardly transformed life**. Grace establishes the basis for our service as we utilize grace-given spiritual gifts to benefit the body of Christ.

Romans 12:9-21. Central Truth & Principles:

Real Christian love causes a believer to firmly detest evil while clinging to good.
Paul gives 31 commands, that when obeyed, result in **loving the people of God and loving unbelievers**.

Romans 13:1-4. Central Truth & Principles:

God's mercy in the gospel establishes the basis for a new relationship toward governing authorities. We now recognize, and cooperate with, **God's purposes** through the function of government as an expression of trust in the Father's care.

Romans 13:5-7. Central Truth & Principles:

It is important how Christians relate to government authority. To avoid needless negative consequence and to maintain a clear conscience, we must submit to authorities (13:5). Our subjection to authorities takes two necessary forms: paying what we owe governments in taxes & revenues (13:6-7a), and an attitude that respects and honors them because **God has placed them in such a role for our sake** (13:7b).

Romans 13:8-10. Central Truth & Principle:

Loving others (even authorities over us) **is the believer's most basic obligation**.

Romans 13:11-14. Central Truth & Principles:

The certainty & closeness of **seeing Jesus** (11-12a) stimulates godly living (12b-14).

Develop your hope by **renewing your mind** with truths about our future life with Jesus.

Do this by reading and noting the words of 1 Peter 1:3-9; Romans 8:17-25; and 1 John 3:1-3.

HOW HAVE SOME OF OUR VBC MEN RESPONDED TO ROMANS 12 & 13

GUEST DAD #2 _____

GUEST DAD #3 _____

GUEST DAD #4 _____

Suggested Action Steps:

1. Make a list of "Father-Figures" who have influenced you toward Christ-like character and living?
Send one of them a Thank You note, text or email.
2. Review the "Six Central Truths / Summary Statements" from Romans Chapters 12&13
Which one do you need to circle back to? Why?
3. If you sat in our interview chair, what would you share about what God is doing in your life?
4. Thinking about the testimonies from our dads today, what challenged you the most?
5. Read Romans Chap 14—think critically. Identify some themes and write down your thoughts and questions.

SONGS

"Everlasting God" - Brenton Brown, Ken Riley

"Wait Upon the Lord" - Leeland

"Cornerstone" - William Batchelder Bradbury, Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan,
Edward Mote, Jonas Myrin

"Only Wise God" - Valley Bible Worship

"I Surrender All" - Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter, Winfield Scott Weeden

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$24,841.00
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$839,618.00
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$839,496.00