

1.
I am distinct as
a Human .



Stewardship responsibilities

Caring for my environment
(social ethics)

Submitting to Divine Authority
(spiritual ethics)

Respecting the Family
(sexual ethics)

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2.
I am distinct as
a Christian.



Matthew 23:1-4

“The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and do not do them.”

**Positional
holiness**
Fit for heaven
(In Christ)

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2.
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a Christian.



3.
I am distinct as
a Disciple of Christ.



the image of God as seen is the life of Christ Jesus and displayed normally through the believer by the enabling of the Holy Spirit in response to God's Word and the world

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the **Grace** of God is deeply sensed
the **Cross** of Christ is willingly carried
the **Gifts** of the Spirit are properly used
the **Love** of the brethren is passionately shared.

Romans 12

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2. (vs.1b-2)

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3. (vs.3-8)

The Gifts of the Spirit must be properly used.

4. (vs.9-21)

The Love of the brethren must be actively shown.

Understanding Romans

The ungrateful
servant

The Gospel
of grace

Matthew
18:21-27

Romans
1-11

God's
graciousness
to us

Matthew
18:28-35

Romans
12-16

Our
graciousness in
response

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“¹ I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, . . .”

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Recognize
God's gift

Recognize
our need

Grace

Receive
God's gift

**Respond with
gratitude**

Holy people

**follow Christ from a
motivation of grace
not fear.**

Old Covenant motivation for practiced holiness

Fear of God's wrath

Romans 8:15

“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!””

New Covenant motivation for practiced holiness

Response to God's love

1 John 4:18-19

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.”

A.W. Tozer

“We take a new convert and immediately make a worker out of him. God would first have us teach him how to worship so that his work would have God in it.”

Mother Teresa

“Our work is not social work it is religious work. We are not servants of social justice or the poor. We are serving Jesus. Our work is an act of worship.”

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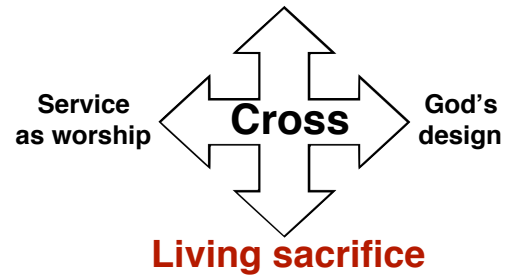
Romans 12

“1 . . . to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

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Kingdom perspective



Holy people

forget about self
in their response
of service/worship.

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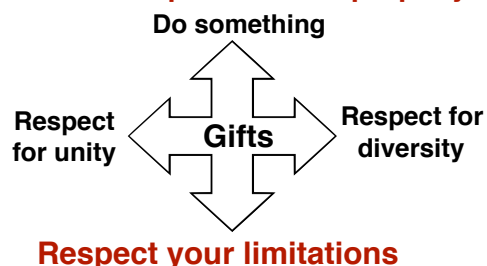
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The Gifts of the Spirit must be properly used.

Roman 12

“3 For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly.”

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Holy people

respect
boundaries in their
sense of ministry
responsibility.

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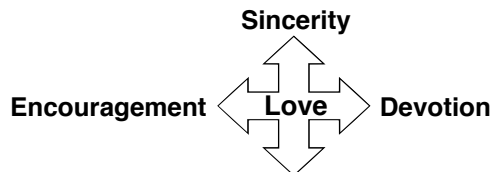
**4. (vs.9-21)
The Love of the brethren must be actively shown.**

Romans 12

“9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; . . . 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

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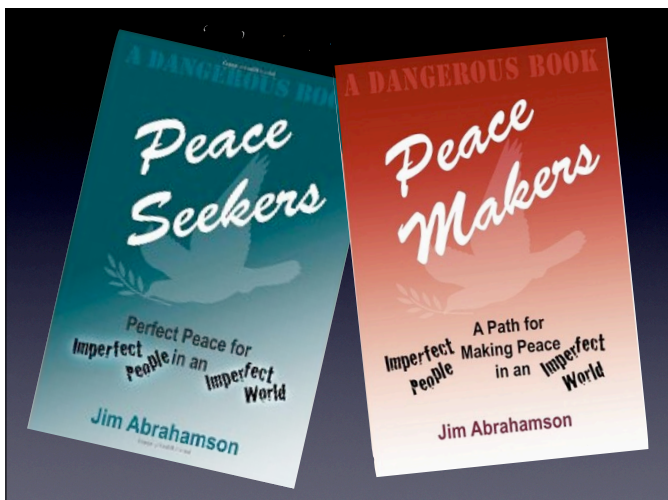
Overcome evil with good

Holy people

**enthusiastically
care for each other
in gracious, loving
ways.**

The order is important

- 1. The **Grace** of God must be deeply sensed or we are motivated by self protective fear.
- 2. The **Cross** of Christ must be willingly carried or we are preoccupied with self.
- 3. The **Gifts** of the Spirit must be properly used or we will use our gifts to find personal fulfillment.
- 4. The **Love** of the brethren must be actively shown or our service is an empty shell or shallow.



Peace Seeker

- 1. Grace and Holiness *Position*
- 2. Grace and Law *Freedom*
- 3. Grace and Faith *Hope*

Peace Makers

- 4. Grace and Sabbath *Worship*
- 5. Grace and Repentance *Humility*
- 6. Grace and Forgiveness *Empathy*