

**Bible Study of Romans**  
**Romans 12 (3)**  
**Vs. 14-21**

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1. How practically do you 'bless' anyone? Is there a difference in blessing an enemy?
2. Though not entirely related to vs. 14, yet is it correct for parents to bless their children or friends to friends, like when they go to bed, or when they move out, or go on a long journey or move? The patriarchs did bless their children as well. Is that something we should or may do?
3. Let's say that someone has been given a rich blessing or gift. How practically do you rejoice with him or her? Is that in words or in deed?
4. How will weeping with those who weep be helpful?
5. 'Be of the same mind" (vs. 16). Does that mean we need to always agree in a church fellowship? Is unity the same as uniformity?
6. The Syriac version (one of the oldest translations of the Greek Bible) renders the passage, "What ye think of yourselves, think also of your brethren." But how is that going to work because we often think of ourselves being right and having the correct understanding? How does the last part of vs. 16 apply to this?
7. So if we are not to repay evil with evil (vs. 17), how then do we deal with people that violate our boundaries, call names, offend our family or simply even apply physical pain?
8. Is vs. 17b speaking about 'work hard to provide well for your own family' or is referring to something else?
9. Paul wrote that if possible, we are to live peaceably with all men. How do you determine when it is not possible to live peaceably with person?
10. The attribute of God involved in vs. 19 is His justice. Seek 5 references referring to God's justice in the Old and in the New Testament to support what J. I. Packer wrote, "But there are few things stressed more strongly in the Bible than the reality of God's work as Judge."
11. How much should we speak about the future judgment day? Can we speak of it too little?
12. What are the coals of fire we are to stack on the head of our enemies?
13. What evils are included in vs. 21?

14. The chapter has listed a host of practical teachings about how a church family is to live together. Review this chapter and identify the strengths and weaknesses of our church family according to these objective divine directions each church should strive for.