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# ***ROMANS 12:1-13:7***

1. Live in a relationship with God:  
interact with Him
2. Live in a relationship with Others:  
interact with the Faith Community
3. Live in a relationship with our world:  
interact with those in authority



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<sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.



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<sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.



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9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.



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Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

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“Christians are not brought together  
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but because they share a common life in Jesus  
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**We Really Do Need Each Other** by *Reuben Welch*



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## ***1 JOHN 3:16, 18***

<sup>16</sup> We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters... <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.



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love unshared  
selves ungiven  
activities unactivated  
deeds undone  
emotions unextended.

It’s not an encouraging thought—  
especially at my age in life—  
but I have the feeling that when  
a person is middle-aged  
he ought to be about half used up. ”

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