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OPENING OUR LIVES, RESOURCES AND HOMES TO ONE ANOTHER

Romans 12:13 (ESV)

Passage in a Sentence: By God's mercies, Christians are called to be intentionally involved in meeting one another's needs.

- I. BY GOD'S MERCIES, WE ARE TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF OTHER BELIEVERS.
  - a. As believers, we are to count the needs of others as more important than our own because Christ has done this for us. (Phil. 2:3-8)
  - b. As believers, when we are made aware of another Christian's need, God intends for us to be part of the solution.
    - i. We are to contribute. (Gal. 6:2; James 2:15-16)
    - ii. We are to contribute because we are connected. (Rom. 12:4-5)
  - c. As believers, our ministry to each other is not meant to fuel extravagance or enabling, but existence.
    - i. We are called to meet needs in each other's lives.
    - ii. We are called to meet various needs in each other's lives.
  - d. As believers, we are to do good to everyone, but especially the household of faith.
  - e. An example of contributing to the needs of others – the Macedonian churches (2 Cor. 8:1-5)
  - f. As believers, God provides what we need to meet the needs of others (2 Cor. 9:6-14)
    - i. God's provision for our giving:
      1. God gives before we give. (2 Cor. 9:8, 10)
      2. God gives so we can give. (2 Cor. 9:8, 10)
      3. God gives after we give. (2 Cor. 9:9-11)
      4. God's mercies (Rom. 12:1)
      5. God's inexpressible gift (2 Cor. 9:15)



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- ii. What happens when we give:
  - 1. The needs of the saints are met. (2 Cor. 9:12)
  - 2. Many thanksgivings are offered to God. (9:10, 12)
  - 3. The reality of the Gospel in us is affirmed. (9:13)
  - 4. Prayers are offered for us. (9:14)
  - 5. God is glorified. (9:13)
- iii. Why we do not give:
  - 1. Fear, Greed, Lack of compassion, Requires too much time and effort

- II. BY GOD'S MERCIES, WE ARE TO WELCOME OTHER BELIEVERS INTO OUR HOME JOYFULLY.
  - a. As believers, we are to seek opportunities to welcome believers into our home.
    - i. Hospitality is to be intentional and not accidental.
  - b. As believers, we are to welcome other believers into our home joyfully. (1 Pet. 4:9)
  - c. As believers, we joyfully welcome others into our homes because God has done this for us. (Eph. 2:11-19)
  - d. What keeps us from joyfully welcoming others into our home?
    - i. Fear, Greed, Lack of compassion, Requires too much time and effort.