

# Comments About Romans 12:12

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a discussion about the words of the apostle Paul found in Romans 12. It is my perspective that Paul's writings in chapters 1-11 could be classified more as comments about doctrine and spiritual concepts, whereas the words in chapter 12 can be viewed more as Christian-living topics.

Last week, we discussed Romans 12:11. This article will discuss Romans 12:12.

## **Positive words**

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:12.

*Romans 12:12*—"Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer."

## **Rejoicing in hope**

Here are some verses that discuss rejoicing in hope.

*Acts 24:14-15*—"But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust."

*1 Corinthians 13:13*—"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

*Philippians 1:20*—"According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death."

*Hebrews 6:11*—"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end."

## **Patient in tribulation**

Here are some verses that discuss being patient in tribulation.

*Matthew 5:10-12*—"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile

and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Acts 14:22*—“Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, ‘We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.’ ”

*James 1:2-4*—“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

*James 5:10-11*—“My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.”

### **Steadfast in prayer**

Here are some verses that discuss being steadfast in prayer.

*Luke 6:12*—“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.”

*Luke 22:42-44*—“Saying, ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.’ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

*Ephesians 6:18*—“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

*James 5:16*—“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”