FINDING MORE
WEEK FOUR

LIVING THE WORD

Our life is an example of the Word of God. Paul tells us to "provide things honest," which means we must settle in our hearts and minds beforehand to do what is right. Our behavior matters to the watching world.

Take time to read the supportive scriptures below for each verse and the examples lived throughout the Word. Paraphrase the example demonstrated and then write out actions we can take to demonstrate what Paul is instructing.

1) Bless Those Who Persecute You (Romans 12:14)

- **a) The Command: *"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not."***
- **b) Support Scripture: Luke 6:28, Matthew 5:44**
- **c) Example: Stephen during his execution (Acts 7:59–60). As Stephen was being stoned for his faith, he did not scream or curse his attackers. Instead, he fell to his knees and used his final breath to pray for them, *"Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."***
- **d) Live it Out: Pray for those who mistreat, oppose, or attack you, rather than returning insults or wishing harm upon them.**

2) Rejoice and Weep with Others (Romans 12:15)

- **a) The Command: *"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."***
- **b) Support Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:26, Galatians 6:2**

c) **Example: Elizabeth's family at the news of John. (Luke 1:5-8) Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:33–36).**

d) **Live it Out:**

3) Live in Harmony and Humble Yourself (Romans 12:16)

a) **The Command: *"Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits."***

b) **Supporting Scripture: Philippians 2:3, Proverbs 3:7**

c) **Example: Jesus washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–5).**

d) **Live it out:**

4) Do Not Repay Evil for Evil (Romans 12:17)

a) **The Command: *"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."***

b) **Support Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:15**

c) **Example: David sparing King Saul (1 Samuel 24:4–7).**

d) **Live it out:**

5) Live Peaceably with All (Romans 12:18)

a) **The Command:** ***"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."***

b) **Support Scripture: Hebrews 12:14, Psalms 34:14**

c) **Example: Abraham resolving the dispute with Lot (Genesis 13:7–9).**

d) **Live it out:**

6) Vengeance belongs to God (Romans 12:19)

a) **The Command:** ***"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."***

b) **Support Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:35, Hebrews 10:30**

c) **Example: David leaving Nabal's judgment to God (1 Samuel 25:32–34, 38).**

d) **Live it out:**

7) Feed and Care for Your Enemy (Romans 12:20)

a) **The Command:** ***"Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."***

b) **Support Scripture: Proverbs 25:21**

c) **Example: Elisha feeding the blinded Syrian army (2 Kings 6:20–23).**

d) **Live it out:**

8) Overcome Evil with Good (Romans 12:21)

a) **The Scripture: *"Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good."***

b) **Support Scripture: 1 Peter 3:9**

c) **Example: Joseph providing for his brothers (Genesis 50:15–21).**

d) **Live it out:**