

ROMANS

Romans 12:9-21

The Surrendered Life – We must serve the will of God and
not our own will.

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- **Rom 12:13** communicating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality.
- **Rom 12:14** Bless them that persecute you; bless, and curse not.
- **Rom 12:15** Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep.
- **Rom 12:16** Be of the same mind one toward another. Set not your mind on high things, but condescend to things that are lowly. Be not wise in your own conceits.

- **Rom 12:17** Render to no man evil for evil. Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men.
- **Rom 12:18** If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men.
- **Rom 12:19** Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto the wrath *of God*: for it is written, *Vengeance belongeth unto me; I will recompense*, saith the Lord.
- **Rom 12:20** *But if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head.*
- **Rom 12:21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

A shift in Emphasis

Romans 12:3-8

- Each person has their own place – “God has dealt to each a measure of faith” (V.3)
- Sacrificing self to God’s Design
- Together we become the body

Romans 12:8-15:13

- General instructions for all individual christians regardless of their “measure of faith”

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As vs. 2 is a statement of the basic instruction,
so vss. 9-10

9 dative statements follow as illustrations
(a grammatical case used in some languages to indicate the
recipient or beneficiary of an action)

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- **Rom 12:9** *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- **Rom 12:10** *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;* (NASB)

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• **Rom 12:10** B
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Προηγέομαι, proēgeomai

From G4253 and G2233;

Total KJV occurrences: 1

Part of Speech: verb

G4285 (Strong)

to *lead the way* for others, that is, *show deference*: - prefer.

G4285 (Thayer)

1) to go before and show the way, to go before and lead, to go before as a leader

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Dative Case

The dative case is the case that shows the indirect object of a verb.

The indirect object of a verb is the recipient of the direct object.

Example: Give her a present.

- In this example, the direct object is "a present."
- The recipient is "her" which is the indirect object and in the dative case.

The Dative Illustrations

- In diligence
 - Not slothful
- In spirit
 - Fervent
 - Serving the Lord
- In hope
 - Rejoicing
- In tribulation
 - Patient
- In prayer
 - Continuing steadfastly
- In need
 - Communicating
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Conclusion, vs. 16-21

- Be likeminded
- Do not discriminate
- Be not conceited
- Take not vengeance (for mistreatment of others)
- Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all
- Live at peace if possible
- Avenge not yourselves
- Do good, without being “passive aggressive”
- Overcome evil with good