

6 ^cSeeing then that we have gifts that are divers, according to the grace that is given unto us, whether we have prophecy, let us prophesy according to the ²portion of faith.

7 Or an office, let us wait on the office: or he that ¹teacheth, on teaching:

8 Or he that ¹exhorteth, on exhortation: he that ²distributeth, let him do it ^dwith simplicity: he that ³ruleth, with diligence: he that ⁴showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 ¹Let love be without dissimulation. ^eAbhor that which is evil, and cleave unto that which is good.

10 ^fBe affectioned to love one another with brotherly love. In giving honor, go one before another.

11 Not slothful to do service, fervent in spirit ¹servng the Lord,

12 ¹Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, ^gcontinuing in prayer.

13 ^h¹Distributing unto the ²necessities of the Saints: ⁱgiving yourselves to hospitality.

14 ^jBless them which persecute you: bless, I say, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be like affectioned one towards another: ^kbe not high-minded: but make yourselves equal to them of

^c 1 Pet. 4:10

^d Matt. 6:2

2 Cor. 9:7

^e Amos 5:15

^f Eph. 4:2

1 Pet. 2:17

^g 1 Pet. 5:8

^h Luke 18:1

1 Cor. 16:1

ⁱ Heb. 1:32

1 Pet. 4:13

^j Matt. 5:44

^k Prov. 3:7

Isa. 5:21

^l Prov. 20:22

Matt. 5:39

2 Cor. 8:11

1 Pet. 3:9

^m Heb. 12:14

ⁿ Eccl. 2:18

Matt. 5:39

^o Deut. 32:35

Heb. 10:30

^p Prov. 24:22

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^q Titus 3:1

1 Pet. 2:13

the ¹lower sort: be not ²wise in yourselves.

17 ¹Recompense to no man evil for evil: procure things honest in the sight of all men.

18 ¹"If it be possible, as much as in you is, have peace with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, ¹avenge not yourselves, but give place unto wrath: for it is written, ^oVengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 ^pTherefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him: if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap ¹coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with goodness.

13 ¹ He willetth that we submit ourselves to Magistrates: ⁸ To love our neighbor: ¹³ To love uprightly, ¹⁴ and to put on Christ.

1 Let ^aevery ²soul be subject unto the higher ³powers: ⁴for there is no power but of God: and the powers that be, are ⁵ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receive to themselves condemnation.

3 ¹For Magistrates are not to be feared for good works, but for evil. ²Wilt thou then be without fear

12:6 ¹ That which he spake before in general, he applieth particularly to the holy functions, wherein men offend with greater danger. And he divideth them into two sorts, to wit, into Prophets, and Deacons, and again he divideth the Prophets into doctors, and Pastors. And of Deacons he maketh three sorts: to wit, the one to be such as are (as it were) treasurers of the Church coffers, whom he calleth properly Deacons: the other to be the governors of discipline, who are called Seniors or Elders: the third to be such as properly served in the help of the poor, of which sort the company of widows were.

² That every man observe the measure of that which is revealed unto him.

12:7 ¹ Whose office only is to expound the Scriptures.

12:8 ¹ Who in other places is called the Pastor.

² To wit, the alms, that he distribute them faithfully, and without respect of person.

³ The Elders of the Church.

⁴ They that are busied about tending on the poor, must do it with cheerfulness, lest they add sorrow to sorrow.

12:9 ¹ Now he cometh to the duties of the second Table, which he deriveth from charity, which is as it were the fountain of them all. And he defineth Christian charity by sincerity, hatred of evil, earnest study of good things, good affection to help our neighbor, and whose final end is, the glory of God.

12:11 ¹ This piece is well put in, for it maketh difference between Christian duties, and Philosophical duties.

12:12 ¹ He reckoneth up divers other virtues together with their effects, to wit, hope, patience in tribulation, equanimity, continuance in prayer, liberality towards the saints, hospitality, moderation of mind, even in helping our enemies, a selfsame feeling with others as well in adversity as prosperity, modesty, endeavor to maintain honest concord so nigh as we may with all men, which cannot be extinguished by any man's injuries.

12:13 ¹ A true rule of charity, when we are no less touched with other men's wants, than with our own, and having that feeling, help them as much as we can.

² Not upon pleasure, and needless duties, but upon necessary uses.

12:16 ¹ There is nothing that doth so much break concord as ambition, when as every man loatheth a base estate, and seeketh ambitiously to be aloft.

² Be not puffed up, with opinion of your own wisdom.

12:20 ¹ After this sort doth Solomon point out the wrath of God which hangeth over a man.

13:1 ¹ Now he showeth severally, what subjects owe to their Magistrates, to wit, obedience: From which he showeth that no man is free: and in such sort that it is not only due to the highest Magistrate himself, but also even to the basest, which hath any office under him.

² Yea, though an Apostle, though an Evangelist, though a Prophet: Chrysostom. Therefore the tyranny of the Pope over all kingdoms must down to the ground.

³ A reason taken of the nature of the thing itself: For to what purpose are they placed in higher degree, but that the inferior should be subject unto them?

⁴ Another argument of great force: Because God is author of this order: so that such as are rebels ought to know, that they make war with God himself: wherefore they cannot but purchase to themselves great misery and calamity.

⁵ Be distributed: for some are greater, some smaller.

13:3 ¹ The third argument taken from the end wherefore they were made, which is most profitable: for that God by this means preserveth the good and bridleth the wicked: by which words the Magistrates themselves are put in mind of that duty which they owe to their subjects.

² An excellent way to bear this yoke, not only without grief, but also with great profit.