

## "LIKE-MINDED ... RECEIVE ... ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER"

(Rms. 15:5-7, v14)

### INTRODUCTION

The opening verses of chapter 15 continue the lesson from chapter 14, and it sets the stage for this lesson: (v1) "the strong ought to bear infirmities of the weak" (v1) "not to please ourselves" (v3) "for even Christ pleased not himself" (v4) is a reference to OT examples helping us in this lesson.

Three "one another" verses give the lesson.

#### 1. (Rms. 15:5) "... be like-minded (live in harmony) one toward another ... "

Three attributes of God are listed that we are to copy: (v5) "God of patience" "and consolation" (v13) "the God of hope"

Purpose for our action: (v6) "that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God"

#### 2. (v7) "receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God"

"Receive" - to take in; welcome; accept; be receptive.

"as" - look around the auditorium at the variety of brethren, and we all have been received by Christ to God's glory; therefore, receive one another.

#### 3. (v14) "... able also to admonish one another."

(Gal. 6:1-2) "... restore such a one ... "

These two verses combined give us an outline on how to admonish and restore.

1) "Full of goodness" - kindness of heart in action; act out of pure motives; fair.

(Mtt. 7:3-5) is Jesus' illustration of the "mote" and "beam."

In our goodness, be sure we are OK before we try to help someone else be OK.

2) "Filled with all knowledge" - knowledge of God's word and knowledge of the other's situation (first, may have to ask questions)

3) "Spirit of meekness" - humility; fierceness under control (i.e. a tamed lion); gentle.

(1 Cor. 4:21) "come to you with a rod, or in love and in the spirit of meekness?"

4) Caution: "Looking to thyself, lest you also be tempted"

5) Purpose: "restore" - not to throw stones, get even, devour and destroy him.

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