

**As experiments of mercy, we become agents of mercy – v. 7**

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. – Ephesians 4:31-32*

**We are to will (desire) one thing – God’s will – v. 8**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.  
– Romans 12:1-2*

**Pursue peace passively and actively – v. 9**

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.  
– Romans 12:18*

**Expect to be misunderstood and maligned – v. 10-12**

*Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. – Luke 6:22*

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*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. – Galatians 6:9*

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