

# Striving For Harmony

Romans 15:1-7  
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## Four Keys Toward Harmony:

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ with one another and \_\_\_\_\_ each other up.

**Romans 15:1,2** We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

**Romans 14:19** So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

### II. Be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 15:3,4** For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." 4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**1 Corinthians 10:11** Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

### III. Strive for \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Romans 15:5,6** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 3:12-15** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

### IV. \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

**Romans 15:7** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

**Acts 21:7** When we arrived, the brothers and sisters in Jerusalem welcomed us warmly.

**1 Thessalonians 1:8,9** And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, 9 for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Do you actively play a part in striving for harmony? Explain.
2. Are you building into someone? What does that look like?
3. Is someone building into you? What does that look like?
4. Are you encouraged by Scripture daily? Why or why not?
5. Describe a time when you felt welcomed.