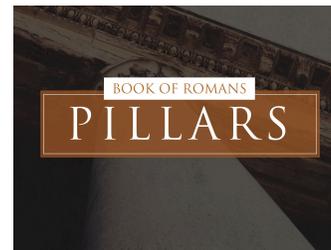


A Farewell Prayer

Romans 15:1-33 / Sermon Notes



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: *Do you pray for your pastors?*

THE POINT

A fulfilled life is spent in loving care & concern for others.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

► **Unity:** Guard _____ the harmony of the church.

- Bear (v. 1) - Strength in Christ is best displayed in service towards others.
- Edify (v. 2) - Happiness sits just out of reach to those who remain self-centered.
- Like-minded (v. 5) - The surest way to promote unity is to practice sympathy.

► **Serenity:** Grow _____ in hope by the Holy Spirit.

- Receive (v. 7) - In our imperfection, Christ covered our faults, sought our good & welcomes us close.
- Joy (v. 13) - The quickest way to increase your joy is to live under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
- Peace (v. 13) - If God is not your source of peace then it will always run out.

"Spending extended & uninterrupted time in the Bible is the best way to comfort a troubled soul."

► **Generosity:** Give _____ to the work of the Lord.

- Aim (v. 20) - The target of every Christian is the proclamation of God's love.
- Contribution (v. 26) - If you want to experience more joy, start contributing more than you consume.
- Strive (v. 30) - "Agonize, struggle". Protection, fruitfulness, guidance & encouragement.
- Pray (v. 31) - Never underestimate the power of a simple prayer to sustain a servant.

NEXT STEPS

1. Start serving the physical needs of others.
2. Seek God's peace when life is overwhelming.
3. Search out ways to pray for and support missions.