

No Competition ~ Just Love

Differences often divide people, because each is _____ their idea, perspective or way is better.

The disciples spent time comparing and competing.

In Paul's letters to the churches, he is continually _____ them to become unified.

Respect other believers' **C**_____. 14:1-8

Paul is speaking of Spiritual Disciplines, not simple preferences and especially not unbiblical teachings.

The unifying factor is our _____ in Jesus, not the differences.

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Col. 2:16-17

Submit out of **C**_____ when with others. 14:12-21

Not _____ ¹³

Not _____ ¹⁵

Not _____ ²¹

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³²Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

Love C_____ amidst other's failings.

15:1-2 & 5-6

If others ever need you, it's when they _____.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:29-30

Live C_____ to glorifying God. 15:7 & 13

Your self-control and _____ makes God look good.

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; Psalm 37:3-7a

May the God of *hope* fill you with all joy and peace as you **trust in Him**, so that you may overflow with *hope* by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

H_____ others **Respect**

O_____ to God **Submit**

P_____ for others **Love**

E_____ disappointments **Live**

Optional Reading: Notice how possessing genuine *Hope* is beneficial.

2 Cor. 1 ¹⁰ **2 Thess.** 2 ¹⁶ **1 Tim** 4 ¹⁰ 5 ⁵ 6 ¹⁷
Titus 1 ² 2 ¹³ 3 ⁷ **Heb.** 3 ⁶ 6 ^{11, 18-19} 7 ¹⁹, 10 ²³
1 Peter 1 ^{3, 13, 21} 3 ^{5 & 15}