

SERIES: THE ROMAN ROAD

Called To Active Duty

Romans 12:6-21

2 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
Ephesians 6:10-18; Romans 12:4-5

1. Called to active duty for Christ means to be **responsible** with the gifts He gives you.

Romans 12:6a - Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: [Ephesians 3:1-3](#)

Romans 12:6b - if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; **9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
[Ephesians 3:4-5](#); [Ephesians 2:19-21](#)

Romans 12:7a - or ministry, let us use it in our ministering **10** Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Romans 12:7b - he who teaches, in teaching; **11** not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
[1 Timothy 3:2](#); [Acts 20:17, 28](#); [2 Timothy 2:15](#)

Romans 12:8a - he who exhorts in exhortation; **12** rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation continuing steadfastly in prayer;
[Acts 2:40](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:1](#)

Romans 12:8b - he who gives, with liberality; **13** distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
[1 Timothy 6:17-19](#)

Romans 12:8c - he who leads, with diligence; **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Romans 12:8d - he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

2. Called to active duty for Christ necessitates a **humble** attitude in using the gifts given to us.

Romans 12:16 - Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

1 Corinthians 12:20-24

3. Called to active duty for Christ will give you opportunity to bless your **enemies** by overcoming their evil with good.

Romans 12:17 - Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. **18** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. **20** Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

[[Proverbs 25:21-22](#) – you want your enemy to experience a godly sorrow that works toward repentance and salvation. [2 Cor. 7:10](#)]

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.