

SLOW FOOD BIBLE STUDIES: Romans 12-16 (31 studies)

12:1 Is my body mine to do what I like with?

Prov 3:7-8; 1 Cor 6:19-20; 2 Cor 7:1; Heb 10:5-7.

12:2 How can I find out God's will for me? *Ps 143:10; Prov 3:5-6; Jn 5:30; 1Th 4:3-8.*

12:3 Who do I think I am? *Jer 9:23-24; 1 Cor 4:7; Jas 4:6, 10.*

12:4-8 If I find that I've been given certain abilities, do I use them for myself or for others?

Rom 15:1-3; 1 Cor 10:24; Phil 2:20-21.

12:9-10 Does love mean being blind to others' faults?

Prov 10:12; 27:5-6; 1 Cor 13:5-7; Eph 4:32

12:11-13 Does my service attitude need servicing? *Mt 20:26-28; 1 Th 5:16-18; Heb 13:1-3.*

12:14-16 Am I prejudiced? *Isa 65:5; Lk 18:11; Jas 2:1-5.*

12:17-21 Is retaliation ever the best policy? *Prov 20:22; Mt 5:38-45; 1 Th 5:15; 1 Pet 3:9.*

13:1-5 (A) Do I always have to obey the authorities set over me? *Exod 1:15-21; Eccl 8:2-6;*

Dan 6:7-10; Mk 12:13-17; Jn 19:11a; Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29; 1 Pet 2:13-15.

13:1-5 (B) If I am responsible for good order in the society or institution in which God has placed me, how do I deal with dissident elements?

Num 20:1-13; 2 Tim 2:23-26; Jas 5:19-20.

13:6-7 Do I treat others with due respect? *Prov 14:21; Tit 3:1-2; Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 2:17.*

13:8-10 How can I be more proactive in the love I show to others?

Prov 21:21; 1 Pet 1:22; 1 Jn 4:16-21.

13:11-14 Am I half-asleep? *Prov 6:9-11; Mt 26:41; 1 Cor 7:29-31; 1 Pet 5:8.*

14:1-4 If there are issues which divide my faith fellowship, what principles should govern my attitude? *Acts 10:15; 1 Cor 8; Eph 4:1-3.*

14:5-9 Do I still need to bring some areas of my life and thinking under the Lordship of Christ? *Ps 33:20-22; Gal 2:20; Phil 1:20-21*

14:10-12 Will I be judged? If so, what for? *Mt 25:21; Jn 5:24; 1 Cor 3:11-15, 4:2-5.*

14:13-18 Is 'consistency at all costs' the hallmark of a mature Christian?

Mk 7:14-23; 1 Cor 9:19-23; 2 Cor 1:12-22.

14:19-23 How sensitive am I to the promptings of my conscience?

Isa 30:21; 48:17-19; 1 Cor 11:31; 1 Tim 1:19, 4:1-5, 5:2.

15:1-4 In my teaching, do I adopt a ‘devil take the hindmost’ approach?

1 Sam 12:23; Mk 4:33-34; Acts 20: 20, 26-27, 31; 2 Tim 2:15, 4:2-5.

15:5-7 How should my discipleship of Christ be reflected in the way I treat those less gifted or quick on the uptake? *Isa 42:3a = Mt 12:20; Mk 8:22-25; Phil 2:1-5.*

15:8-12 Do I divide people into ‘insiders’ and ‘outsiders’?

Isa 44:5; Acts 26:16-18; Rom 10:14-15, 20.

15:13 How can I keep going? *Ps 62; Isa 40:27-31; Eph 3:20-21.*

15:14-16 How can I continue Paul’s ministry to the ‘Gentiles’?

Isa 60:1-9; 66:18-21; Mk 5:18-20.

15:17-21 Do I take credit for what Christ may be achieving through me?

Ps 115:1; Isa 48:6b-11; Jas 3:13-18.

15:22-29 Is it wrong to make plans for my life and work?

Ps 20:4; Prov 16:3, 9, 33, 19:21; Eccl 9:10; Jas 4:13-17.

15:30-33 How important is it that others should be praying for my work?

2 Cor 1:10-11, 9:12-14; Col 4:2-4.

16:1-2 What can I learn from Phoebe? *Acts 16:14-15, 40; Phil 4:3; 1 Tim 3:8-11, 13.*

16:3-10a How does the story of Prisc(ill)a and Aquila encourage and challenge me?

Acts 18:2-3, 18-19, 26; 1 Cor 16:19; 2 Tim 4:19. The people named in vv5-10a may be members of the church meeting in their house.

16:10b-16 Do I specially identify with the stories or names of any of these people?

2 Tim 1:6-14. For Rufus see Mk 15:21. Asyncritus (‘singleminded’), Phlegon (‘on fire’), Philologus (‘word-lover’) may be Christian names taken at baptism.

16:17-20a Who am I fighting? *Mt 10:16; Eph 6:12; Rev 12:7-12.*

16:20b-27 Does God know what he is doing? *Isa 44:6-8; 45:22-25; Rom 11:33-36.*