

Outside the Box Christianity

"Outside the Box Calling"

Romans 12:9-13

Sermon Series Summary

Have you ever wanted to take your faith to the next level? Have you ever wanted to grow more in faithfulness in the New Year than the year before? If you are an individual that has a desire to continue to grow as a Christian then this series has so much to teach you as you learn about Paul's recipe for success also known as "Christianity Outside the Box." Join us in growing in faithfulness to the Lord as we study through Romans 12 together.

Series Theme Passage

Romans 12:1 – I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Main Text

Romans 12:9-13 (ESV) – ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Big Idea - Out of the Box Christianity Requires You to Get a GRIP on Your Calling

How to Get a "G.R.I.P." On Your Calling

G – Genuine Love Becomes Your Lifestyle

Romans 12:9-10 (ESV) – ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

■ **Key Point** – The first lesson that we learn is the in order to live out your calling as a Christian then you must excel at "Love." There are central commands you must get right in your life...(1) Love God with all your life and (2) Love others as Christ loves you. (Mt 22:37-39)

R - Relentless Service Becomes Your Determined Direction

Romans 12:11 (ESV) -11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

■ **Key Point** – The second lesson that you need to learn is the attitude of service to the Lord. As a Christian then you need to excel at is that of a servant heart. As you follow in the footsteps of Christ then you are called to "serve versus being served."

I - Intentional Hospitality Becomes Your Earnest Desire

Romans 12:13 (ESV) – ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

■ **Key Point** – The third lesson that you need to learn as a Christian is that of hospitality. Christians are called to show hospitality to one another and those in need as they follow in the steps of Christ.

P - Persistent Prayer Becomes Your Passionate Practice

Romans 12:12 (ESV) -12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

■ **Key Point** – The final lesson that you need to learn as a Christian is the disciple of prayer. Persistent prayer must become a common practice in life in order to finish the race fo life effectively.

Memory Verse

Romans 12:11 (ESV) - Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Challenge:

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have discovered in the presentation of the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, put your faith into action and ask yourself this question,

• How is God calling you to get a better "G.R.I.P." on your calling today?