

12:15 - “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”

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chairein	meta	chairontōn		klaiein	meta	klaiontōn		
15	χαίρειν	μετὰ	χαιρόντων	,	κλαίειν	μετὰ	κλαιόντων	;
	To rejoice	with	rejoicing [ones]		to weep	with	weeping [ones]	
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- Most basic point of 12:15 - Love does the right thing at the right time!
 - In other words, when someone you know is happy, successful, and rejoicing about their situation it is wrong for you to be sad because of your envy.
 - Or, when something bad happens to someone who you are envious do not rejoice at their misfortune.
- The Christian should be able to genuinely rejoice or mourn along with others and in response to other’s situations. This would refer to both believers and unbelievers.
- 1 Corinthians 12:26 - “If one member suffers, all the members suffer together; and if one member is honored, all the members rejoice together.”

12:16 - “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.”

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16	τὸ	αὐτὸ	εἰς	ἀλλήλους	φρονοῦντες	,	μὴ	τὰ	ὑψηλὰ	φρονοῦντες	,	ἀλλὰ
	the	same thing	toward	one another	minding		not	the things	haughty	minding		but
	Art-ANS	PPro-AN3S	Prep	RecPro-AMP	V-PPA-NMP		Adv	Art-ANP	Adj-ANP	V-PPA-NMP		Conj

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tois	tapeinois	synagagomenoi		mē	ginesthe	phronimoi	par'	heautois	
τοῖς	ταπεινοῖς	συναπαγόμενοι	.	μὴ	γίνεσθε	φρόνιμοι	παρ'	ἑαυτοῖς	.
	with the	lowly		going along	not	be	wise	in	yourselves
	Art-DMP	Adj-DMP		V-PPP-NMP	Adv	V-PMM/P-2P	Adj-NMP	Prep	RefPro-DM3P

- The root *phron-*, which means “think” is used three times in 12:16 which connects it back to the right kind of thinking Paul asked for in 12:3.
 - “Minding”
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 - “Wise”
- “Live in harmony with one another”
 - Also in Philippians 2:2-5 where it says “be of one mind” (which does not mean see eye to eye)
 - Means: “be thinking the same thing towards one another.”
 - Philippians 4:2 concerning Euodia and Syntyche

- 2 Corinthians 13:11 - “Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”
- Romans 15:5 as a prayer and a blessing
- Another possible translation is: “Have the same concern for everyone”
 - The literal Greek could be: “thinking the same thing to one another.”
- “Do not be haughty”
 - Do not be thinking high things about yourself
 - Pride and haughtiness is the biggest obstacle to the above admonition: “think the same thing toward one another.”
- “Associate with the lowly”
 - *Alla* is the Greek word from a strong adversative. Here it is reference to being “haughty” in the previous words.
 - The reference to “lowly” could refer to:
 - People - as in people of low position
 - Positions - as in menial work (the translation would then be: “Be willing to do menial work.”)
 - The Greek *tois tapeinois* could be
 - A Place of low-lying
 - People humbled and without power
 - Spirits that are downcast and dejected
 - Things that are poor, shabby
 - Moral sense which would then be understood as either bad or good depending on the context:
 - Bad - mean, base,
 - Good - lowly, humble
 - “Lowly” was a word the Christian world embraced as one of their most godly characteristics.
 - It is likely Paul is using the word “lowly”, *ταπεινους, tapeinois* to refer to both people of lowly position and work considered to be lowly.
 - “Never be wise in your own sight.”
 - Also translated as: “Do not be conceited.”
 - Conceit indicates a lack of understanding of reality and an easily deceived soul.

12:17 - “Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.”

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17 μηδενι	κακων	αντι	κακου	αποδιδοντες	προνοουμενοι	καλα	ενωπιον	παντων
to no one	evil	for	evil	repaying	providing	right [things]	before	all
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- “Repay no one evil for evil”
 - A Christian principle of non-retaliation found in:
 - Matthew 5:38-48
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:15
 - 1 Peter 3:9 -
- “Give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all”
 - From Proverbs 3:4
 - NEB translation: “Let your aims be such as all men count honourable.”