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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ "The worst enemy of socialism is not capitalism. It is reality." ~ Margaret Thatcher
~ "The transformation of charity into legal entitlement has produced donors without love and recipients without gratitude." ~ Antonin Scalia
~ "A free press is one that prints a dictator's speech, but doesn't have to." (Anonymous)
~ A modern house is one where a switch regulates everything but the children.

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SEVEN WAYS TO GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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Romans 12:9-14

"9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse."

Introduction:

1. Invitation to obey Gospel starts a Christian life.
2. Sometimes, even Christians don't understand.
3. This is one place it is "spelled out"-NOT "step-by-step!"

Discussion:

1. Vs 9 - 10 - True Love
 - A. True love does not exalt self or misuse a person
 - B. True love gives and expects nothing in return
2. Vs 11 - True Dedication
 - A. Seek to be busy in the Lord's work
 - B. Finish what you start
 - C. Avoid laziness (it is sin)
3. Vs 12 - True Goal (Romans 4:18)
 - A. "Rejoice in hope of the glory of God" - Romans 5:2
 - B. Worldly dreams never satisfy.
 - C. Hope in the world soon vanishes.
4. Vs 12 True Optimism ["patient in tribulation"]
 - A. Patience in hard times shows trust in God-Psalm 27:14
 - B. Trials will come - 1 Peter 1:7, 4:1 - trials focus on faith
5. Vs 12 - True Devotion ["steadfastly in prayer"]
 - A. Importunate prayer - Colossians 4:2-3
 - B. Include 3 people without telling them you are praying.
 - C. It is impossible to dislike someone you pray for.
6. Vs 13 - True Heart
 - A. Give with wisdom (don't keep giving handouts to the church "leech") (2 Thessalonians 3:6-10; Proverbs 21:25)
 - B. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
 - D. 2 Principles for giving from 2 Corinthians 8:12:
 1. Willing mind
 2. According to what you have
7. Vs 14 - True Response
 - A. Bless=Eulogize, speak well of, praise
 - B. "Curse"=to condemn to hell - "How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?" (Numbers 23:8)

Conclusion:

1. A "whole Christian" can handle this picture.
2. This is only what Jesus wants Matthew 28:20 ----jtpll





Robert Boyle — the father of modern chemistry, whose law still describes gas behavior in every science classroom — **spent a personal fortune funding Bible translations into Irish, Welsh, and Turkish.** He left money in his will to fund a permanent lecture series defending the Christian faith using science, which still exists today as the Boyle Lectures. He considered his scientific work and his **Bible funding to be the same project.**

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“For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is **God, Who formed the earth and made it,** Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, **Who formed it to be inhabited:** ‘*I am the LORD, and there is no other.*’”
(**Isaiah 45:18**)

