



Divine Delights

*And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
which I have loved. (Psalms 119:47)*

When I got to the last chapter of Romans in my Bible reading which was full of greetings that Paul was giving to believers at Rome, Paul's short descriptions he gave of each one reminded me of the godly behaviour that he instructed us of in chapter 12. I wanted to compare the two passages of scripture and thought that I would share what I found with you. I have inserted descriptions of Paul's brothers and sisters from Romans 16 (in green) next to the instruction that seems to fit from Romans 12 (in black).

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good (Apelles—approved in Christ 16:10). Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love (Epaenetus, Amplias, Stachys and Persis were all referred to as beloved (16:5,8,9,12); in honour preferring one another (Priscilla and Aquila - helpers in Christ who for Paul's life laid down their own necks 16:3,4); Not slothful in business (Mary—bestowed much labour on us 16:6, Tryphena and Tryphosa—labour in the Lord 16:12, Persis—laboured much in the Lord 16:12); fervent in spirit; serving the Lord (Phebe - A servant of the church and a succourer of many 16:1,2); Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation (Andronicus and Junia—fellowprisoners who were of note among the apostles 16:7; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints Urbane—our helper in Christ 16:9); given to hospitality (Priscilla and Aquila—the church was in their house 16:5). (Romans 12:9-13)

What a list! It doesn't stop at verse 13. Paul continues on to show how we should treat our enemies. There are so many things that I can work on. Those people in Paul's list must have been so encouraged when they read their names and saw how they were appreciated by Paul. I must also learn to look for godly behaviour in other believers and encourage them in it.

Dear Ladies,
May you be encouraged and delight in the Lord also.
Love Heather.