

## **From "Me" to "You"**

Romans 12:9-18

**A college professor once told me that the theme of the whole Bible is helping us shift from selfishness to selflessness.**



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**In the phases of Christian maturity, selflessness is the mark between spiritual children and spiritual young adults.**



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**This kind of love wants the best for the other person. That means evil is out and being filled with the goodness of God is in.**



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Romans 12:10-13

**Verses 10-13 describe the young adult love that we should have for those within the Body of Christ.**



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**"Be devoted"**

**"Give preference"**

**This mature love has taken  
"me" out and  
put "you" in.**



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Romans 12:11

**This is aggressive love,  
guided by the Spirit and as  
unto the Lord.**



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Romans 12:12

**This love hopes for the best,  
remains present through  
the hard times, and stays  
committed in prayer  
for the friend.**



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**This kind of love is involved  
sacrificially and practices  
hospitality.**



## **From "Me" to "You"**

Romans 12:14-18

**In verses 14-18 Paul is turning his attention to how we are to show mature love to those outside the faith.**



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Romans 12:14

**Speak blessings, not curses over those who seem bent on criticizing you and/or Christianity.**



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Romans 12:15

**Be emotionally involved  
with those outside the faith  
in their good and bad times.**



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Romans 12:16

**Do not carry an aura of  
spiritual superiority; don't  
act "to good" to associate  
with certain classes of  
people.**



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Romans 12:17

**To *not* retaliate speaks volumes to the lost. To show honor and to strive to do the right thing is loving to others.**



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**Striving for peace with others is a hallmark of maturity and a demonstration of love.**



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## **Characteristics of a Spiritual Young Adult:**

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- **Sacrificing for others**



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## **Things you might hear a spiritual young adult say:**



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**"I enjoy sitting with my friends during coffee fellowship, but when a guest steps in, I leave my friends and greet him."**



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**"I usually sit in the same spot each Sunday morning. But if a guest sits in my spot, I would not dare ask them to move."**



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**"I love my S. S. class, but I know there are others who need a group like mine. I'm willing to leave mine & help start a new class."**



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**"I have a friend who would not relate to the worship service I attend. I will bring him to the other service and attend with him."**



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**You expect spiritual infants to be dependent on others and ignorant of spiritual rhythms and the needs of others.**



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**You expect spiritual children to be self-centered and lacking in spiritual disciplines that help them grow.**



## **From "Me" to "You"**

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**You expect spiritual young adults to have a handle on their spiritual growth and have their attention on the growth of others.**



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**Have you put away infantile and childish behavior so as to serve the Lord as a spiritual young adult?**

