

**The Transformed Mind:
Our Responsibility = *Love People*
Romans 13: 8-10**

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DO NOT CONFORM
TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD,
—— BUT ——

BE TRANSFORMED

BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.
THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST
AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS
- HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.

ROMANS 12:2 NIV



Verse 8

Our responsibility to people:
Love them – Pay your debt

Love is an action, not simply a feeling – ***“owe no one anything”***

Does this mean we never go into debt?

NO!

It is loving to pay your debts on time as agreed upon

The believer is to live within their means and avoid unnecessary frivolous debt

Impulse buying creates unwise debt, sometimes impossible to pay off credit card debt

I would suggest living below your means, not living to the nth degree

“To the nth degree” means as much as possible
or to the highest level possible.



Prepare for the bad times!

Be prepared – Proverbs 6: 6-11

“Owe no one anything except to love one another”

Keep on loving and loving!

**agape = sacrificial love: an act of the will love;
doing what is best for someone, not
necessarily what someone wants but what
they need**

**Beware of toxic love, manipulative or controlling love
2 Corinthians 10: 3**

SIGNS OF A TOXIC RELATIONSHIP



Feeling unsupported



Toxic communication



Distrust



Disrespect



Controlling behavior



Walking on eggshells



Neglected needs

Verse 9a

Our responsibility to people:
Do not be unloving

All of God's laws provide for and protect

It is unloving to commit adultery – hear Jesus – Matthew 5: 28

It is unloving to murder – hear Jesus – Matthew 5: 21-22

It is unloving to steal

It is unloving to be a false witness

It is unloving to covet

Covet = “*epithumeo*” = upon the mind; to long for; to obsess on what others have (*I want their stuff*)

The desire for something precedes the action which leads to our downfall

When the covert attack comes, what am I to do?

*Let's punt to that great
philosopher of yesteryear*



Nip It!

Nip It In The Bud

**Barney may have learned this from God -
2 Corinthians 10: 3**

Verse 9b - 10

**Our responsibility to people –
*Demonstrate love***

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself” - is not a suggestion, not if I feel it, *but a command!*

The Mosaic law said don't do or else; *the Law of Christ says do obey these commands out of love*

Jesus, on obeying Him – **John 14: 21 and 23**

When we obey God, something incredible happens:

“Love does no harm to his neighbor”

“Love is a fulfillment of the Law”

Christ's law of love: Love God first and people second

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Love from the world's standpoint centers around affirming my behavior and my wants

The world's love is predicated on tolerance

This world view wants to give the illusion that it is inclusive, but it isn't

The world still has cliques; agree with my clique or else you are a hater, bigoted, intolerant

Those who claim you are intolerant are, in fact, demonstrating they are intolerant of YOU!

Jesus truly is inclusive! - Remember what Paul told the Galatians
[Galatians 3: 28](#)

Jesus' love promotes unity, not dissension!

God is inclusive for real - John 3: 16; Romans 10: 13

As we grow deeper in faith, we will grow deeper in love – *Jesus' love!*

You will notice a change; your character will change; your values will change; life will change

You will start to look more and more like 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7
LOVE!

We demonstrate we are no longer conformed to this world

We demonstrate that we are being transformed by the renewing of our minds when we love people the Jesus way, the Agape way, the Sacrificial way

OUR

Responsibility

IS TO LOVE PEOPLE AGAPE

THE JESUS WAY!

THEY ALSO RECOGNIZED
THEM AS MEN
WHO HAD BEEN WITH

JESUS

ACTS 4:13