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Being Attractive

Romans 13

1. Starts by giving our all to God

(Body, mind and will)

"Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires." Rom 13:14

"I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." Rom 12:1-2

2. Develops by respecting our authorities

"Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God...So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience." Rom 13:1 & 5

Compare with Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than any human authority."

3. Is displayed as we love our neighbour

"Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another...These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbour as yourself." Rom 13:8 & 9b

4. Becomes compelling as we live with purpose

"This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armour of right living. Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarrelling and jealousy." Rom 13:11-13