

### Introduction: Parents and Children

- Every parent has a dream for their child.
- Our kids can be the source of our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ or deepest \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our heavenly Father has a dream for every one of His children.
- God's dream is to make you like His \_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 5:48, Romans 8:29, Ephesians 4:13
- God's dream for every child of His is to become a disciple –  
a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian!

1. Relationship with God: \_\_\_\_\_ to God

## Romans 12:1

2. Relationship with the world: \_\_\_\_\_ from the World

Romans 12:2

3. Relationship with yourself: \_\_\_\_\_ in Self-Assessment

## Romans 12:3-8

### 4. Relationship with believers: \_\_\_\_\_ in Love

*"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.** Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*

Romans 12:9-13

### 5. Relationship with nonbelievers:

### \_\_\_\_\_ Responding to Evil with Good

*"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. **Do not repay anyone evil for evil.** Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, **but overcome evil with good.**"*

Romans 12:14-21

**Warning** – Romans 12 is not a “try-hard” moral code to live up to, but a faith response to what God has already done for us.

- Romans 1 - 3: \_\_\_\_\_ - Our problem that separates us from God.
- Romans 4 - 5: \_\_\_\_\_ - God's solution in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross.
- Romans 6 - 8: \_\_\_\_\_ - Living your new life in God's power and growing progressively in Christ-likeness.
- Romans 9 - 11: \_\_\_\_\_ - Living in confidence because God is in control and keeps all His promises...

### **Personal Application Questions:**

1. Would you like to receive everything your heavenly Father has planned for you by becoming a Romans 12 Christian?
2. Have you personally taken the step to be “all in” in your relationship with Christ?
3. How does surrender and being separate from the world's values prepare you to get God's best for your life? see Psalm 84:11
4. What “next step” would help you fulfill God's dream for your life?
5. Who could help and support you as you take that next step of obedience?