

Look at the Book

Scripture Triad: II Corinthians 10:16b -17, Romans 12:9 -21, Romans 13:1 -7 (NIV)

One Loaf

I Corinthians 10:16b - 17 (NIV)

And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, **for we all share the one loaf.**

Work of the Church

Romans 12:9 – 21 (NIV)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ **Be devoted to one another in love.** Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ **Share with the Lord's people who are in need.** Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; **bless and do not curse.** ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; **mourn with those who mourn.** ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. **Do not be conceited.**

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace with everyone.** ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ 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."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, **but overcome evil with good.**

Work of the Nation

Romans 13: 1 - 7 (NIV)

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, **but for those who do wrong.** Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? **Then do what is right** and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, **for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason.** They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment **but also as a matter of conscience.**

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, **pay taxes;** if revenue, **then revenue;** if respect, **then respect;** if honor, **then honor.**

Probing

1. Count the number of commands in the scripture titled: Work of the Church.
2. Circle three of the most surprising phrases in the scripture titled: Work of the Nation.
3. What do you see as the main difference between the work of the church and the work of the nation?