

# Bearing With One Another Notes

Romans 15:1-6

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**Main Point:** Because Jesus bears with us, we can bear with one another.

## Annoying People

1. Donald Smith says in "People I Could do Without" our pent-up exasperation with people can send us into one of two modes: a "reactionary rampage" or a "silent \_\_\_\_\_."
2. The phrase, "bear with," means "to endure \_\_\_\_\_, to put up with, to be indulgent, to suffer.
3. "Bear with" occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament.
4. Ephesians 4:2 gives us four ways to cut others some slack.
  - We must deal with our \_\_\_\_\_. When we're humble, we'll put up with people because we know we're not all that easy to be around ourselves.
  - We're to be \_\_\_\_\_ with believers who behave differently than we do.
  - When we're patient with others, we can see they're in \_\_\_\_\_, just like we are.
  - We're to do so in an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_, not indifference or hatred.
5. We're called to be holy and \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:12-13).
6. We're to bear with those who bug us and if someone has wronged us, we're to \_\_\_\_\_ as the Lord has forgiven us.

## Put Up (vs. 1)

1. When Paul uses the word "obligation," he's saying we're \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ to bear with others.
2. We're challenged to restrain our natural reaction towards odd or difficult people by just letting them be themselves, without thinking they need to become just like \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We're to lunge for \_\_\_\_\_ place as we follow the example of the One who died in our place (1 Corinthians 9:12).

## Build Up (vs. 2)

1. God is committed to \_\_\_\_\_ people up and is greatly grieved when we demolish what He has designed (Isaiah 57:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:11).
2. If you know you're rubbing people the wrong way with something you're doing, then maybe you should \_\_\_\_\_.

## Look Up (vs. 3)

1. As we fix our eyes on Jesus, we'll be reminded He did not come to be served but to \_\_\_\_\_ and to give His life a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).
2. When you lift your eyes and only see Jesus, you'll be less prone to see the problems in \_\_\_\_\_ people.

## Grow Up (vs. 4)

1. The phrase "former days," refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the giving of instructions like the Ten Commandments.
2. The word "endurance" relates to how we deal with life's problems and people's \_\_\_\_\_.

3. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to grow as a Christian if you are not allowing God's Word to enter your life (1 Peter 2:2)
4. We begin to change when we soak ourselves in \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Stand Up** (vs. 5)

1. We must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ up with those who have fallen down or are just different from us.
2. Sometimes we simply need to get to \_\_\_\_\_ people before we conclude they irritate us.
3. God's heart is for the church to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to stand together (Acts 4:32, Zephaniah 3:9)

### **Speak Up** (vs. 6)

1. The ultimate goal, or reason why we are to bear with one another, is so we can bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
2. The phrase "one voice" means "with one accord" and is only possible when there is no \_\_\_\_\_ or strife.
3. When we stand up, we're to speak up in \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord according to Nehemiah 9:5.

### **Action Steps**

1. Make a \_\_\_\_\_ of the people who bug you.
  - Are there some traits or attitudes which annoy you?
  - Ask God to help you see people from His perspective.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for this list of people for two weeks.
3. Ask God to change \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The problem is not other people, the problem is more personal – it's me.
  - Ask God to do something about me.
4. Let go of \_\_\_\_\_ and forgive faults.
5. Restore a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship
6. Perform an act of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Loving feelings tend to follow loving actions.

### **Lessons from a Robin**

1. Some of us are fighting \_\_\_\_\_ battles as we invest our energy in aggressive outbursts against people, who are not really our enemies anyway.
2. When we unload on others, we get distracted from our \_\_\_\_\_ in life.
3. Fighting people not only hurts others, it hurts \_\_\_\_\_ as well.
4. Some of us are caught in a cycle of self-\_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:36).