

# FROM A PASTOR'S HEART

**Sermon Title:** Growing the Community God Desires

**Date:** May 19, 2024

**Key Scripture:** Romans 12:9-21

**We grow the community God desires by cultivating the work of God in our lives.**

- 1) We put off selfishness and put on a servant's heart.**
- 2) We put off despair, fear, and anger and put on hope, patience and prayer.**
- 3) We put off personal desires and put on consideration of others.**
- 4) We put off demanding what we deserve and put on grace.**

# Through the Week

## Study God's Word

If you don't have a plan to study the Bible, there are three tools to help you in the foyer:

1. A daily devotional (*Word for you Today* or *Our Daily Bread*)
2. Read through the Bible: New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs in a year (≈1 Chapter a day)
3. Read through the Bible: Whole Bible in a year (≈3 Chapters a Day)

**All Resources are available on the desk in the foyer**

*"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."*

**Romans 15:4**

## Questions for Prayer

1. How is the community around me struggling? (Family, Church, School ...)
2. How can teachings of Romans 12 help?
3. In what ways am I cultivating the character which leads to a God honoring community?

## Scripture for Prayer

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

**Psalm 1:1-3**