

Core Value #8

Pursuing Peace

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Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

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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.

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- In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

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