

ROMANS

The Heart of the Matter

“R-E-S-P-E-C-T”

Rom. 14:1-15:13

Lamplighters Women’s Bible Study

March 23, 2016



Announcements

Welcome back! Only two more lessons after today. Mark calendars for **Wed., April 13**—picnic

Daily Bread—Tuesday afternoon meal program serving homeless youth: Covenant, LifeWorks and Street Youth Ministry. They are in need of cooks. Food delivery 3:30-4:00. Serve from 4:00-5:30.

Located at University Baptist Church. Contact Gaby Valdez (432)260-2840 or

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Holy Week Services

Today—noon. Meredith Weatherby. Lunch.

Thursday—7:30 pm. Maundy Thursday service.

Friday—7:30 pm. Good Friday service.

Easter Sunday

- Sunrise on the patio, 6:30
- Traditional, sanctuary: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00
- Contemporary, FE 200: 9:30, 11:05

“Ride the shuttle!!!”



We are one in the Spirit,

We are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit,

We are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,

by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,

We will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other,

We will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in
our land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,

by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Odd Couples





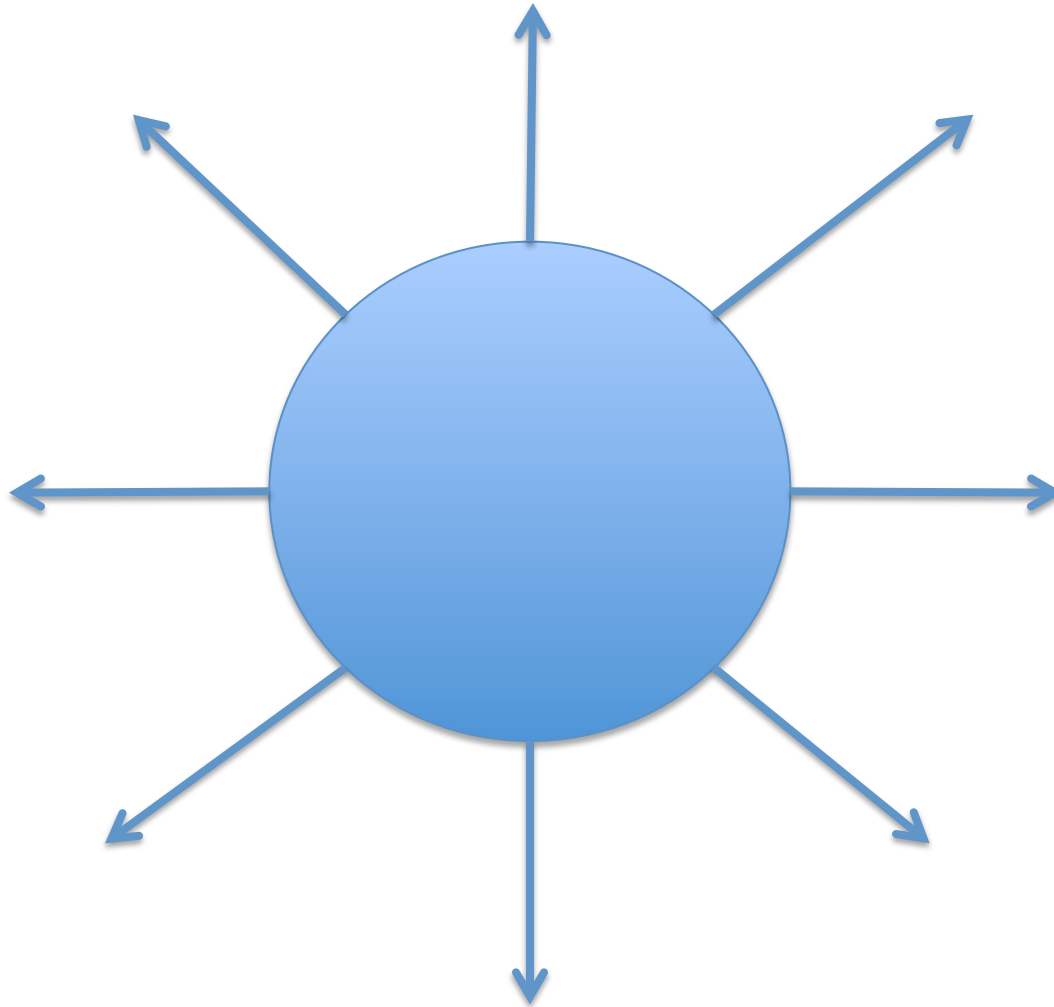
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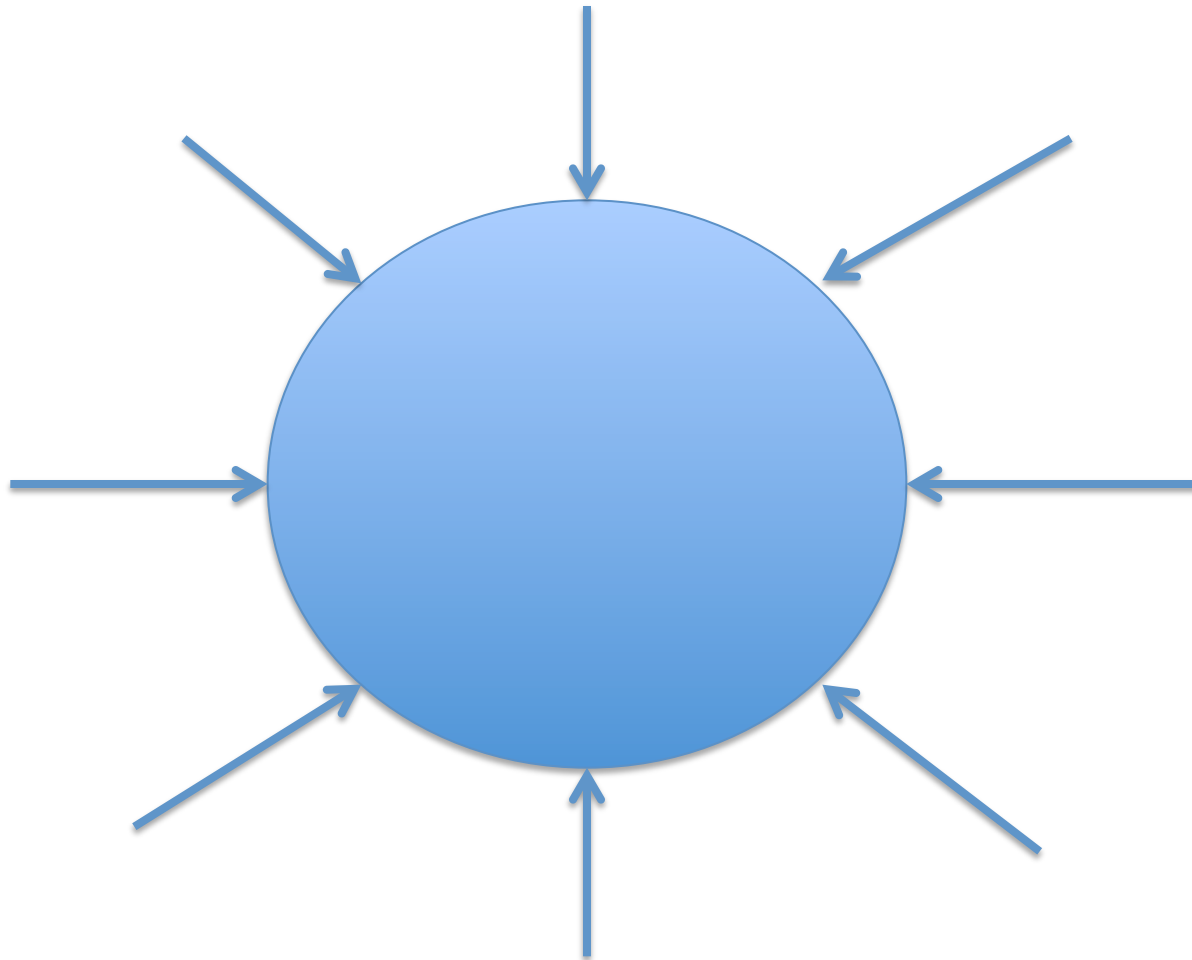
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2. Centripetal Force Rom. 15:1-13



Centrifugal Force—Rom. 14:1-23



Centripetal Force—Rom. 1-13



Centrifugal Force—Rom. 14:1-23

Judgment vs. Respect

NOT: “deep admiration for someone elicited by their abilities, qualities or achievements”

BUT: “due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights or traditions of someone else” ... simply because they were created in the image of God and are fellow believers



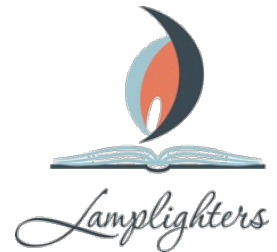
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“disputable matter”—matter of conscience; individual preference if the matter is not clearly commanded or forbidden in Scripture.

vs.

“basic principle”—not disputable; clearly commanded or forbidden in Scripture.

Key—know Scripture!



Centrifugal Force—Rom. 14:1-23

the weak and the strong—the degree to which one is focused on the gospel.

Remember:

1. We are all justified by faith.
2. God is the only judge.
3. Think through our own opinion and position.
4. The kingdom of God is about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.



Centrifugal Force—Rom. 14:1-23

How can the weak and the strong stay in healthy relationship in the church?

1. Keep your opinions to yourself.
2. Live according to your conscience.
3. Be willing to curb a freedom for the benefit of a fellow believer.



Centrifugal Force—Rom. 14:1-23

“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”

- How authoritative is Scripture in your life?
- Who have you been judging?
- What are you doing to promote (or diminish) righteousness, peace, and joy in the kingdom of God?



Centripetal Force—Rom. 15:1-13

Principle for Christian ethics and life:

“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.”



Centripetal Force—Rom. 15:1-13

Paul's principle for the church—v. 1-4

Paul's prayer for the church—v. 5-6

Paul's encouragement—v. 7-12

Paul's benediction—v. 13



Centripetal Force—Rom. 15:1-13

Centripetal forces at work:

acceptance, welcome

edification—building up

setting aside self

Scripture

encouragement

the Spirit

corporate worship

prayer and thanksgiving

Jesus Christ!



Centripetal Force—Rom. 15:1-13

- Who am I loving who is difficult? How can I build that person up?
- Who am I welcoming into my life because of Christ?
- How can I show respect for those with whom I disagree?
- How can I be a peacemaker and work for unity in my church?



Centripetal Force—Rom. 15:1-13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
Amen!

