

## Romans 12:15

***Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.***

Don't you just love this verse. I mean when things are going great and maybe you get a raise or a new car or whatever, you are happy and rejoicing and you want everyone around you to know and celebrate (Rejoice) with you.

But when something bad happens, like you get laid off at work, or a loved one passes away or whatever else bad is going on, you are sad, sometimes to the point of crying (weeping) and you want your friends and family there with you, feeling that pain with you.

And when you do these things for others as well, you are doing what this verse says.

But let's look at the first part of this verse again and notice it says to ***Rejoice with those who rejoice***. Sound simple, right? But let me remind you that to **rejoice with those who rejoice**, is to put our jealousy aside. Now that's where it gets tough.

Someone gets a raise or a promotion at their job, and you feel stuck in a dead end job, barely making enough to survive, and you have to rejoice with this person.

Someone gets a new car, and yours seems to be in the shop all the time, or it looks, and sounds like you just drove it out of the junkyard. And you are supposed to rejoice with this person?

We all know it's tough sometimes with those who seemed to be blessed all the time and you don't feel like you are being blessed like they are, and that you deserve to be blessed just like they are too.

Let the Lord know how you feel, it's not like He will be shocked or surprised, because He is God and He knows anyway. But still confess that to Him, and then ask Him to give you a heart to rejoice with that person who is being blessed.

Also remember that it doesn't mean that the Lord loves that person more than you. Jesus died for both of you because He loves all the same way.

*"So why hasn't God blessed me like He blessed them?"* you may be thinking. My answer is... I have no idea, I am not God and I can't answer for Him. But I do know God is a just God and a perfect God and a loving God and a fair and righteous God. This is where this next verse really comes into play. We know it, can quote it and stand on it. Maybe it's time to stand on it, even if you don't feel like you are being treated fairly by God.

† **Isaiah 55:9** *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*