**Romans 12:9-16, (NKJV), emphasis added, “Let love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil**. **Cling to what is good**. ***Be* kindly affectionate to one another** with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not **lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you**; bless and do not curse. **Rejoice with those who rejoice,** and **weep with those who weep.** Be of the same mind toward one another. **Do not set your mind on high things,** but **associate with the humble.**”

**The Book of Romans, written about 60 A.D., was Paul's letter to an already-established church. This early gathering of the faithful had organizational skills and spiritual maturity evident in Paul's instructions to them; and, he understood their "rock-solid footing" in Jesus. Reiterating his beliefs, he penned Romans 12 about DILIGENT, DECISION, DIRECTED Christian service.**

**Earnest, persistent, importunate, and insistent--\*can you spell “PUSHY!?”\*-- Paul, in a sizzling citation of instruction, "’catalogued’ it out" for Jesus' followers, both then and now. 1. *Let* love *be* without hypocrisy, 2. Abhor what is evil 3. Cling to what is good 4. *Be* kindly affectionate to one another** 4**. Not lagging in diligence 5. Fervent in spirit 6. Serving the Lord 7. Rejoicing in hope 8. Patient in tribulation 9. Continuing steadfastly in prayer10. Distributing to the needs of the saints 11. Given to hospitality 10. Bless those who persecute you 11. Rejoice with those who rejoice 12. Weep with those who weep** **13.** Be of the same mind toward one another **14. Do not set your mind on high things** and **15. Associate with the humble. WHEW!!! Now, that is ‘SOME LIST!!!’ Easy, peezy, right??? Easy, peezy!!**

**BE JOYFUL! BE PATIENT! BE FAITHFUL! Easy, peezy!!**

**This "Patient in Tribulation” Tuesday, *BE joyful; BE patient; and BE faithful! ALWAYS…. Because of Him!***

***Lindi***

**Dear LORD God, keep my zeal “fired up!” Let the joy of Your salvation show through in my patience and prayer life. Keep me focused on the “soon coming” promise of Your returning, and bring witness opportunities to me today. As I start a new week, let my time be used wisely and fruitfully. Thank YOU for the perfect gift of redemption. Be with the physically ill and spiritually wounded, and show me how to serve YOU more! Help me share YOUR truths! Let Your Kingdom come, my Savior! I love YOU forever, Amen.**