***Romans 12:10-12,* (NKJV), *emphasis mine, "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.”**

**Now….this is “sweeter” than any duffin you might devour! When the Apostle Paul wrote the Roman church, he understood that they had been in existence for several years. In fact, his words suggest that "these many years" of service were worth noting. The sixth book of the New Testament is one of the most profound of the entire Bible! Called the "Cathedral of the Christian faith," its "rooted theology" and dynamic style were reasons that it was assigned "first place" among the Pauline epistles.**

The dictates in Romans 12 are pure and true. They initiate a blueprint, road map, and mandate, if you will, for Christian living. In a "no gobbledygook or gibberish," “nix the ‘hot air’ and clap trap," “forget about the baloney and twaddle,” “make a list" penning, Paul made it emphatically simple. **Sharpen your pencil!** 1. ***Be affectionate to others*** 2. ***Honor one another*** 3. ***Never lag in diligence*** 4. ***Keep your spiritual fervor*** 5. ***Serve the Lord* ...and....*"Rejoice in hope, patient in tribulation, and steadfast in prayer."***

**Happy “Mind Your Spiritual Fervor” Monday! Hold dear the 'centuries’-old' truths of the erudite, sagacious Apostle Paul, and make them your very own!**

***Be joyful in hope.....***

**Because of Him,**

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**Dear Father, Your Word is so precious! Your Son’s sacrifice is so glorious! Thank You! Thank You! Today, many need healing and help. Please be with them. Today, I desire to do more for You; show me how, and please make it very clear. Open new doors for my witness, small and large. Guide me into new realms of service. Be with our schools and churches. Especially help pastors and church leaders to stay true to the cross. Thank You for Your salvation plan! I love You always. Forgive when we disappoint You! Bring Your perfect Kingdom soon, my King; and send protection to Israel! In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**He told His disciples it would happen; He tried to prepare His friends and family for the hardest three days of their lives; He warned believers that His death was inevitable. And, yet, most were surprised, shocked, startled, stunned, and staggered. Planned before “time was,” nothing flabbergasted Jesus that grim, gruesome, grizzly Friday…..nothing shocked the Father….and nothing caught God’s Son off guard. The perpetuation of that design took the Savior exactly where He wanted to go…into the depths of hell, and right back up to the heights of heaven. In one “fell swoop,” in one “brutally agonizing” afternoon’s sacrifice, eternity belonged to Him! HE OWNED IT…bought and paid for by His precious blood! “Resurrection Day” is coming…..take joy in the triumph!**