

Women in the Word
Romans 15:1-13
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Paul's Lesson: After 'C,' Always Put 'E' Before 'I'

The **World** says:

"I come before everyone else"

The **Word** says:

"Everyone else comes before me"

Endure: to be strong or to persevere; to bear a burden	Romans 15:1
<i>"I will listen to you and walk <u>with</u> you on this journey." Not: "You need to shape up..."</i>	
Encourage: to build up	Romans 15:2
<i>"I see what you're going through, and I'm praying for you." Not: "I wish you appreciated everything I do for you..."</i>	
Examine: to prove, to test, to investigate thoroughly	Romans 15:4
<i>"Let's get together for weekly Bible study because we'll both benefit." Not: "You're not reading your Bible nearly enough..."</i>	
Exhort: to urge someone to do something	Romans 15:5
<i>"What can we do to resolve our disagreement in a way that honors God?" Not: "You're wrong, and you need to admit it..."</i>	
Extol: to praise highly or to glorify	Romans 15:6
<i>"Let's set aside our preferences and praise the Lord together." Not: "Straighten out your theology, and then we can worship..."</i>	

Have Hope in Jesus Christ

<p>Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.</p>	<p>Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.</p>
<p>Colossians 1:3-5a We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.</p>	<p>Romans 5:3-5 [W]e rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.</p>	<p>I Thessalonians 4:13-14 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.</p>
<p>Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.</p>	<p>1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.</p>

Bonus: 1 Peter 3:14-16

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. (All Scripture references ESV)