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to all of you who continually contribute to the newsletter.

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—President Jarvis

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

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President's Message

Greetings in the month of March, the month that officially became Women's History month in 1987 and give us the opportunity to acknowledge the historical contributions of women in the United States. In the Jarvis family the month of March is a month of Birthdays, at least eight people in the family were born in March, so I have a special place in my heart for the month of March.

For those who take the time to read the newsletter you probably know that my writeup was always followed by Simon McRae's writeup. Unfortunately, we wont see a writeup from Simon again, he passed away on Monday, February 12 due to medical problems. He was not just a RAFMAN, he was a 22-year Navy veteran. We will miss him and his great writeups. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family.

To the readers of this letter and to those who read our entire newsletter, my question to you is, how familiar are you with the word awareness, if so, how aware are you of the things that are happening in this country. As a citizen of this country, I never expected the country to remain the same, I knew that progress and advancements would be made in Technology, Globalization, Communications, Education, The financial revolution, Management and Labor, Productivity, Women's movement, etc. Today as a Military veteran of over (26) years of service I do not support those who aspire to lead this country for the wrong reason or those who are currently in office who flaunts their authority and acts like a dictator. To many of these people wrap themselves in the American flag and do not know what patriotism really is.

In closing, I encourage you to be a good citizen, but beware of wolves in sheep's' clothing, and some no longer wear sheep's clothing. The pack can easily be spotted. Beware!

Remember this Quote:

"Every human has four endowments - self-awareness, conscience, independent will and creative imagination. These give us the ultimate human freedom...The power to choose, to respond to change."

— Stephen Covey

Submitted by:

Arthur Jarvis, President RAFMAN Club, Inc.

All Members Take Note:

Club Meeting
Saturday, February 10, 2024

Host: RAFMAN Michael Dixon

12:30 PM— Meet for Lunch

8032 International Dr. Orlando

3:00 PM — Club Meeting

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Keep Safe!



RAFMAN Corner:

In 1838 Georgetown University facilitated a horrific sale of Slaves, the Jesuit priest and former president who oversaw the Catholic institution sold Slaves to keep it open for business. The sale of 272 human lives, for about \$3.3 million in today's dollars, secured the future of operations for Georgetown University.

When this history became known, one of the school's alumni, Richard J Cellini, was moved to REPENTANT ACTION. He started a nonprofit, hired eight genealogists, and was able to raise more than \$10,000 from fellow alumni to track down living descendants of the Slaves who had been sold.

Georgetown's president John Jay DeGioia issued a formal apology and expressed a desire to atone for the past. First, the two buildings named after the former president were Renamed, one for an enslave African American man and the other for an African American educator who belong to a Catholic religion order. The alumni and president in 2016 had not participated in the sale of the Slaves, but they were moved to act because they benefited, unwittingly, from this past evil.

Richard J. Cellini realized that as a member of the alumni of Georgetown University, he could help make things right. It is one thing to offer an apology, it is another to walk in THE FRUITS OF REPENTANCE. What would it look like if we as the people of God sought to work towards ethnic conciliation through this kind of active Repentance?

Pastor Charles H. Dorsey, III Ref: D.A. Horton, Book: Intensional

Congratulations! RAFMAN CLUB SCHOLARS:

Uchenna Ilojiole

Working towards a degree in B.A.S. Computing Technology and Software Development, Uchenna plans to utilize his education in the human resource industry. He has a passion for human resources and believes that "as the world develops and technology expands one can utilize that development and incorporate that within the human resource industry."

Felesha Watson

Felesha aims to become a traveling physical therapist, bringing healthcare to underserved areas. She also envisions creating a product for people with physical limitations and establishing physical therapy centers globally. Her goals reflect a passion for enhancing accessibility to quality care and innovating within the field of physical therapy on a global scale.



Je'Quan Walker



Je'Quan currently works as a Certified Cardiographic Technician (CCT), where she performs Electrocardiograms (ECGs) and Stress Tests. With over 14 years of experience as a CCT, and having an "innate desire to serve, help, and care for people in their time of need," Je'Quan returned to school with the aspiration of becoming a registered nurse. Je'Quan will graduate this spring with her associate in arts degree (A.A.) in General Studies and beginning the associate in science (A.S.) in the Nursing Program at Valencia College this Fall. Long term, to make more of an impact, Je'Quan is working towards becoming a Cardiology Nurse Practitioner (NP).



Taniya Mackey

After being by her mother's side during the birth of her sister, Taniya found she has a passion for working in the field of Labor and Delivery and she aspires to become a Labor and Delivery Registered Nurse. This is a goal she plans to achieve in 3 1/2 years of college, thanks to her educational accomplishments as a dual enrollment student.

Shenelle Beaton

With a dream of becoming a veterinarian, Shennelle plans to attend one of the top vet schools in the Netherlands, Canada, or California. Following school, she desires to open her own clinic and an animal sanctuary. She is a member of the Global Distinction program at Valencia and plans to participate in study abroad after transferring to the University of Central Florida so she can acquire more information about the places she wants to visit.



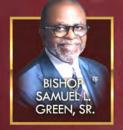


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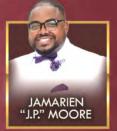
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The <u>National Women's History Alliance</u> designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2024 theme celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." This theme recognizes women who understand the need to eliminate bias and discrimination from individuals' lives and institutions.



Inspiring Quotes for Women's History Month

History Shorts: Eleanor Roosevelt's Diplomatic Fight for Human Rights "Women are like teabags. We don't know our true strength until we are in hot water." – <u>Eleanor Roosevelt</u> (1884-1962), political figure, diplomat, activist, First Lady.

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity," Amelia Earhart (1897-1937?), aviation pioneer.

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." – Rosa Parks (1913-2005), civil rights activist.

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." - Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005), U.S. Congresswoman.

"My mission in life is not merely to survive but to thrive and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." – <u>Maya Angelou</u> (1928-2014), memoirist, poet, civil rights activist.

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent." – Madeleine Albright (1937-2022), U.S. Secretary of State.

"Champions keep playing until they get it right." – <u>Billie Jean King</u> (1943 -), tennis champion.

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." - Alice Walker (1944 -), novelist, short story writer, poet, social activist.

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."

— <u>Malala Yousafzai</u> (1997-), Pakistani female education activist, Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

30 Women's History Month Facts That'll Remind You How ... Women Are

As Rihanna says, "Don't act like you forgot." by LINDSAY E. MACK and KATIE MCPHERSON UPDATED: Feb. 20, 2024

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When you're reflecting on women of the past this March during Women's History Month, consider the place of women in the modern world too. The facts about women to remember during Women's History Month are eye-opening, alarming, and inspiring. Get this: women make up about half of the U.S. labor force, but the nation still provides no paid parental leave? If you've never considered why Women's History Month exists, knowing where women's issues stand today can provide some insight on why awareness is important.

Otherwise, the state of women in the modern world is both encouraging and enraging. But by taking a macro look at the trends, policies, and challenges that face today's women, you can get a better sense of the forces that govern our lives. So much has been achieved, and it's proof of all that can be done in the future.

- 1. Working moms are the norm in the U.S.
- 2. After the pandemic, nearly a million women returned to work in 2021.
- 3. Women the world over are marrying later.
- 4. Worldwide education quality for girls is improving.
- 5. Female athletes are generally well-represented at the Olympic games.
- 6. Worldwide, women still tend to do the majority of unpaid labor.
- 7. Essential worker roles are often shouldered by women of color.
- 8. Younger medical doctors are more likely to be female.
- 9. Female leaders are slowly but steadily on the rise.
- 10. Women, especially BIPOC women, are still underrepresented in the arts.
- 11. Black transgender women often face the brunt of violence against trans people.
- 12. Women are steadily taking on more senior roles with companies.
- 13. Over half of all U.S. accountants & auditors are women.
- 14. Breastfeeding continues to gain popularity in the U.S.
- 15. Paid parental leave in the U.S. is far below average.



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Out of 193 countries, 21 have a woman as head of state or government, according to the Council of Foreign Relations. Having more women in leadership is associated with greater efforts at promoting equality and social welfare, as well as increased stability for the country overall.

- 16. A relatively high number of U.S. women are in prison.
- 17. Rates of intimate partner violence remain high.
- 18. In the U.S., poverty is more likely to affect women.
- 19. Women are still paid less than men doing the same work.
- 20. Women make up over half of the labor force with a college degree.
- 21. Female CEOs at major companies remain rare.
- 22. Women have greater difficulty advancing at work than men.
- 23. Workplace success can still depend on a woman's race, disabilities, and gender identity.
- 24. More women are going to space than ever before.
- 25. Women make up 28% of Congress today.
- 26. Mothers tend to make less than other women, while fathers make more than other men.
- 27. Women's careers are in jeopardy after the overturning of Roe v. Wade.
- 28. In some parts of the world, it's still illegal for women to work.
- 29. Heart disease in women needs far more awareness.
- 30. Women are half the world's population.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March 21—Rosie the Riveter Day is an observation honoring the hard work and sacrifices

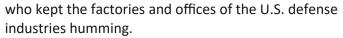
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American women made in the workplace during World War Two.





Rosie the Riveter—the steely-eyed World War II heroine with her red bandanna, blue coveralls and flexed bicep—stands as one of America's most indelible military images. Positioned under the maxim "We Can Do It," the "Rosie" image has come to broadly represent the steadfast American working woman, and more specifically, the millions of female laborers



What the iconic Rosie image doesn't convey is the diversity of that work force—specifically the more than half-million "Black Rosies" who worked alongside their white counterparts in the war effort. Coming from throughout the United States, these "Black Rosies" worked tirelessly—in shipyards and factories, along railroads, inside administrative offices and elsewhere—to fight both the foreign enemy of authoritarianism abroad and the familiar enemy of racism at home. For decades, they received little historical recognition or acknowledgement.

Economic Opportunity Beckoned

Like the Great War before it, World War II had required participating nations' entire populations to contribute to the war effort. Once the U.S. entered the conflict in 1941 and millions of American men were enlisted into the military, the government had to rely on American women to fill domestic war-related roles. At the peak of the wartime industrial production, some 2 million women worked in war-related industries.

For African American women, becoming a Rosie was not only an opportunity to aid in the war effort, but also a chance for economic empowerment. Already on the move as part of the Great Migration, they sought to leave behind dead-end, often demeaning work as domestics and sharecroppers.

"Black people were leaving the south anyway and fanning out across the country," says Gregory S. Cooke, director of Invisible Warriors, a documentary on the Black Rosies. "The war gave the women a more pointed motivation for leaving and an opportunity to make money in ways

Black women had never dreamed before."

President Roosevelt Intervenes to Address Workplace Inequity

At first, finding war-related work proved difficult for many prospective Black Rosies, as many employers—almost always white men—refused to hire Black women.

"The war represented this incredible opportunity, but Black women really had to rally and fight for the opportunity to even be considered," says Dr. Maureen Honey, author of Bitter Fruit: African American Women in World War II and emeritus professor of women's and gender studies at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. "Many employers held out, attempting to only hire white women or white men, until they were forced to do otherwise."

That coercion came in the summer of 1941 when activists Mary McLeod Bethune and A. Phillip Randolph brought the widespread hiring discrimination to President Franklin Roosevelt, prompting the Commander-in-Chief to sign Executive Order 8802 banning racial discrimination in the defense industry. The order boosted Black women's entry into the war effort; of the 1 million African Americans who entered paid service for the first time following 8802's signing, 600,000 were women.

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Youngest black female pilot in New York receives pilot's license

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Seventeen-year-old Kamora Freeland has etched her name in history by becoming the youngest African American female to obtain a private pilot's license in New York state.

Expressing her elation, Freeland remarked, "I feel amazing — it hasn't really sunk in yet, but I feel like in a few days, I'm going to process everything."

Freeland's journey to this milestone began in 2022 when she was awarded a scholarship, igniting her passion for aviation. She commenced her flying lessons at Republic Airport on Long Island, a commitment that saw her driving two hours multiple times a week from Staten Island, where she attends Kingsboro Early College Secondary School, accompanied by her mother.

Despite her demanding schedule, Freeland's determination remained steadfast. She even scheduled her pilot's license test to coincide with her 17th birthday, foregoing traditional celebrations to pursue her aviation dreams.

Her relentless dedication paid off as she successfully acquired her private pilot's license before her driver's license, exemplifying her unwavering focus on her aviation aspirations.

Reflecting on the challenges she faced during the test, Freeland recalled the nerve-wracking experience exacerbated by weather conditions that caused delays. However, her resilience shone through as she overcame the obstacles, showcasing her unwavering commitment to her goals.

Looking ahead, Freeland aspires to fly for a commercial airline, driven by the belief that "the sky is not the limit." Despite her remarkable achievement, she remains grounded, expressing eagerness to relax and catch up on sleep before pursuing further studies in economics at college.

Freeland's remarkable journey serves as an inspiration and a testament to the power of determination and perseverance in realizing one's dreams, particularly in traditionally male dominated fields, such as aviation.

THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

Also known as **United States military academies**, are federal institutions that provide undergraduate education and training for commissioned officers in the United States Armed Forces. Here are the five U.S. service academies:

- ➤ United States Military Academy (USMA): Located in West Point, New York, it was founded in 1802¹.
- ➤ United States Naval Academy (USNA): Situated in Annapolis, Maryland, it was established in 1845¹.
- ► United States Air Force Academy (USAFA): Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, it was founded in 1954¹.
- ➤ United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA): Located in New London, Connecticut, it was established in 1876¹.
- ➤ United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA): Found in Kings Point, New York, it was founded in 1943¹.

While these institutions are often referred to as **military academies**, it's important to note that only the Military Academy, Naval Academy, and Air Force Academy are operated by the **Department of Defense**. The Coast Guard Academy is operated by the **Department of Homeland Security**, and the Merchant Marine Academy falls under the **Department of Transportation**.

Here are some additional details about these academies:

- Students enrolled at the Military Academy, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and Coast
 Guard Academy are considered to be on active duty in the United States Armed Forces from
 the day they enter the academy. They hold the rank of cadet or midshipman and are subject to
 the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- Students at the Merchant Marine Academy serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve and are subject to the UCMJ while actively training with the U.S. military on Navy orders.
- The Naval Academy commissions midshipmen into both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps.
- The Air Force Academy commissions cadets into both the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Space Force.
- Students at the Military Academy, Air Force Academy, and Coast Guard Academy are **cadets**, while students at the Naval Academy and Merchant Marine Academy are **midshipmen**.
- All cadets and midshipmen receive taxable pay, free room and board, and pay no tuition or fees. The Merchant Marine Academy midshipmen receive taxable pay during their required 300+ days at sea during their 4-year studies¹.

These academies play a crucial role in shaping future leaders of the U.S. military and ensuring their rigorous training and education.

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The Department of Defense

Operates the Military Academy, Naval Academy, and Air Force Academy



General Lloyd J. Austin III the First Black Secretary of Defense

Born in Mobile, Alabama, but grew up in Thomasville, Georgia in the 1960s with his five other siblings. As a Catholic, he strongly considered attending Notre Dame, but instead selected the **United States Military Academy**, joining the Class of 1975 On his way to West Point, New York City was a culture shock, and heading north out of the city provided short-lived relief. His first impression of the Academy was of the "perfect people" he saw everywhere... He quickly fell into the routine of the Academy, and although he initially struggled academically, he persevered. He tried track, but eventually dropped that to focus on academics, and eventually gravitated to the rugby team. He credits support from mentors and classmates as helping him get through West Point, and his senior year he was the company commander of G1. He selected the Infantry branch, and after graduation he was stationed in Germany.

OralHistory (westpointcoh.org)



A 1982 Naval Academy graduate, Adm. Michelle Howard became the first black woman to command a U.S. Navy combatant ship, USS Rushmore (LSD 47) (1999). She was the first woman promoted to the rank of four-star admiral (2014). Upon her promotion, Howard became the highest ranking woman in U.S. armed forces history and the highest ranking black woman in Navy history. She served as VCNO from 2014 to 2016. Howard also became the first woman four-star admiral to command operational forces when she assumed command of both U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Naval Forces Africa and Allied Joint Forces Command Naples (NATO) from 2016 to 2017. Howard retired from the Navy in 2017, after nearly 36 years of service.



One of NASA's first black astronauts, **retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Frederick Gregory** also served as NASA's first black Deputy Administrator.

After receiving a bachelor of science degree from the **United States Air Force Academy** in 1964, Frederick D. Gregory trained as a helicopter pilot and went on to serve as a helicopter rescue pilot in Vietnam in 1966. After retraining as a fixed wing pilot and then as a test pilot, he worked as a test pilot until chosen as an astronaut candidate in 1978. A veteran of three Space Shuttle flights, Gregory went on to fill leadership roles in NASA's administration becoming Deputy Administrator in August 2002.

Former Astronaut Frederick D. Gregory - NASA

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Six African Americans Among the 32 Rhodes Scholars From the United States

November 21, 2023

Recently, the Rhodes Trust announced the 32 American winners of Rhodes Scholarships for graduate study at Oxford University in England. Rhodes Scholarships provide all expenses for two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England and may allow funding in some instances for four years. Being named a Rhodes Scholar is considered among the highest honors that can be won by a U.S. college student.

The scholarships were created in 1902 by the will of Cecil Rhodes, an industrialist who made a vast fortune in colonial Africa. According to the will of Rhodes, applicants must have "high academic achievement, integrity of character, a spirit of unselfishness, respect for others, potential for leadership, and physical vigor." Applicants in the United States may apply either through the state where they are a legal resident or where they have attended college for at least two years.

In 1907, Alain LeRoy Locke, later a major philosopher and literary figure of the Harlem Renaissance, was selected as a Rhodes Scholar to study at Oxford University. It is generally believed that at the time of the award, the Rhodes committee did not know that Locke was Black until after he had been chosen. It would be more than 50 years later, in 1963, that another African American would be named a Rhodes Scholar. Other African Americans who have won Rhodes Scholarships include Randall Kennedy of Harvard Law School, Kurt Schmoke, former mayor of Baltimore, and Franklin D. Raines, former director of the Office of Management and Budget and former CEO of Fannie Mae. In 1978 Karen Stevenson of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was the first African-American woman selected as a Rhodes Scholar.

This year more than 2,500 students began the application process; 862 were endorsed by 249 different colleges and universities. Committees of Selection in each of 16 U.S. districts interviewed the strongest applicants. All districts interviewed at least 14 finalists.

Including this year's cohort, 3,642 Americans have won Rhodes Scholarships, representing 327 colleges and universities.

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Typically the Rhodes Trust does not reveal the race or ethnicity of scholarship winners. Of this year's 32 Rhodes Scholars from the United States, it appears that six are African Americans.



Tatyana N. Brown, from San Antonio, Texas, graduated from New York University Abu Dhabi in 2022 with a bachelor's degree in social research and public policy. She is now a Henry Luce Scholar in Taiwan working at the Taipei Fine Arts Museum. At Oxford, she will pursue a master's degree in comparative social policy and a master's degree in visual, material, and museum anthropology.



Donovan D. Dixon of Philadelphia graduated from New York University in 2023 with a bachelor's degree in public policy. He served as an intern for the Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. As a Rhodes Scholar, he will pursue a master's degree in comparative social policy.



Victoria Harwell, from Denver, Colorado, is a senior at Washington University in St. Louis, majoring in African and African American studies and environmental analysis. At Oxford, Harwell will pursue a master's degree in African studies and a master's degree in nature, society, and environmental governance.



Madison M. Jennings is a senior at Agnes Scott College in Georgia, where she is majoring in political science. She is president of the pre-law society and an intern at the Carter Center, where she has worked on issues ranging from supporting civil society organizations in Liberia to identifying policing alternatives in Georgia. In England, she will study for a master's degree in public policy and a master's degree in public policy research.



Isabella G. Sullivan, of San Antonio, Texas, is a senior at the United States Military Academy where she majors in international history. She serves as the deputy brigade commander of the Corps of Cadets and is a two-time captain of the women's volleyball team at West Point. Sullivan will study for a master's degree in evidence-based social intervention and policy evaluation at Oxford.



Jacqueline N. Testamark from Levittown, New York, is a senior at Yale University majoring in classical civilizations and history. Much of her academic work has centered on examining minority histories in classical art and literature. At Oxford, Testamark will pursue a master's degree in the history of art and visual culture.



We mourn the loss of our RAFMAN Brother Simon McRae who passed away unexpectedly on February 12, 2024 due to medical problems. He had been a member of the RAFMAN since January 2002, where he served as the entertainment and event chairman. He also was retired



from the US Navy as a Chief Petty Officer and after retiring from the US Navy he retired from Stericle Incorporated as a service manager. Please keep Ms. McRae and the entire McRae family in prayer.



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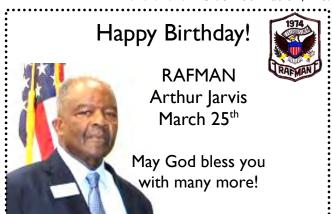
Sharing Excitement for Christ

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11

The first time we met our neighbor Henry, he pulled a well-worn Bible out of a bag he'd been carrying. Eyes sparkling, he asked if we'd like to discuss Scripture. We nodded, and he flipped to some highlighted passages. He showed us a notebook full of his observations and said he'd also created a computer presentation full of other related information.

Henry went on to tell us how he'd come from a difficult family situation and then, alone and at his worst, he accepted Jesus' death and resurrection as the foundation of his faith (Acts 4:12). His life had changed as the Spirit helped him follow the Bible's principles. Although Henry had committed his life to God years ago, his enthusiasm was fresh and powerful.

Henry's zeal inspired me—someone who'd walked with Jesus many years—to consider my spiritual passion. The apostle Paul wrote: "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11). That seems like a tall order, unless I'm allowing Scripture to nurture the kind of attitudes that reflect an ongoing thankfulness for all that Jesus has done for me.



Unlike the emotional highs and lows we experience in life, zeal for Christ comes from an everexpanding relationship with Him. The more we learn about Him, the more precious He becomes and the more His goodness floods our souls and spills out into the world.

By Jennifer Benson Schuldt

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:9-16 NIV Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited

REFLECT: How do you think Jesus feels when He sees that you're excited about Him? What's the relationship between thankfulness and zeal?

PRAY: Dear Jesus, please revive my excitement over knowing You!

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