

God's Best for You

Romans 12:1-2

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Living Sacrifices to God

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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New Living Translation (NLT)

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A Living Sacrifice to God

¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, ^[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ^[b] ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

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The Message (MSG)

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Place Your Life Before God

¹⁻² So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Do you believe you are living in the good and acceptable and perfect will of God?

Do you have the peace of God which passes all human understanding?

Are you living the abundant life that Jesus came to give?

John 10:10

I. Complete Consecration

V1. I urge you to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

I serve the lord with my body. The thief before the judge.

My body is to be the temple of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:16

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¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19

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¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Eyes seeing what we should see

Ears hearing what we should hear

Tongue speaking what we should speak

Hands doing what we should do

Feet going where we should go.

Wearing what the body should wear.

Treating our body as God's property.

Mark 5:15

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¹⁵ Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

How does one serve sin?

With the body.

The eyes, the ears, the tongue, the hands, the feet.

What would Jesus do?!

How does the body pay the penalty for sin?

Substance abuse- addictions

Immoral life style- fornication

There are 27 different STD's.

1-4 people under the age 25 will be infected with an STD.

This includes high school seniors

1-2 college students are infected

It is reasonable that we present our bodies as living sacrifices unto God.

Galatians 2:20

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²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

II. Complete Separation

“Be not conformed to this world”

Psalm 1:1

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Psalm 1

The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

¹ Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

“them that honour Me I will honour” I Samuel 2:30

Daniel “purposed in his heart he would not defile himself”

***When in Rome do as the Romans do* cannot be the theme of a separated life.**

When one conforms to this world he or she does not need to invite Satan to come in, the door is already open.

The prodigal son stated “oh, that I never had gone astray”

Hebrews 12:1

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The Race of Faith

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

III. Complete Transformation

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Philippians 2:5

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The Humbled and Exalted Christ

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

The Holy Spirit brings the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23

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²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

We cannot have Godliness without God.

Philippians 2:13

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¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

2 Timothy 3:5

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⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

We cannot have God without Jesus Christ.

John 14:6

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⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

But we can never prove the delights of His love until all on the alter we lay.

For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,

Are for them who trust and obey.

Hymn 586 Trust and obey