

Romans 12

¹I 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.

1. Because of everything I have just told you & mercies of God
2. Offer Bodies/Living Sacrifice – KEY!!! Offer/Living/Sacrifice
3. Reasonable Service – for Unreasonable Service rendered to Us!

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed (metamorphoo) (T/V/M= Pres/Pass/Imper)

James 4:4 Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

* by the renewing (Renewal/Renovation) of your mind,

* that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (This is HOW...Present your bodies/sacrifice/holy/do not...)

1 Thessalonians 4:3 ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thes 5:16-18 ¹⁶Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Peter 2:15 ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

³For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

⁴For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

⁶Having then gifts (charisma) differing according to the grace (charis) that is given to us, let us use them:

* if prophecy, (propheteia) let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

⁷or ministry(serving/servant), let us use it in our ministering;

he who teaches, in teaching;

⁸he who exhorts, in exhortation; (What Paul is doing in this section)

he who gives, with liberality; (KJV – Simply)

he who leads, with diligence;

he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. (Let in be genuine!)

* Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

Psalm 97:10 ¹⁰You who love the Lord, hate evil!

Psalm 34:14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

3 John 11 ¹¹Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good.

¹⁰Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

¹¹not lagging in diligence(KJV-slothful in business),

* fervent in spirit (vs. flesh), serving the Lord;

¹²rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,

* continuing steadfastly in prayer;

¹³distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Matthew 5:44 ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble.

* Do not be wise in your own opinion.

¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. (Jesus “Eye/Eye/Tooth/Tooth – No, turn other cheek”)

* “Indeed, the evil one wants to accomplish only one thing with you; namely that you also become evil.” Deitrich Bonhoeffer

¹⁸If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

¹⁹Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

²⁰Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

* Positive/Blessing him; Negative/Making him look worse (Ps 140:10)

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

How? V1-2!!! **1 John 5:4-5** ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (**Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21**)