

Romans 12:1-2

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I. Introduction.

A Text: Romans 12:1,1.

B. God looks for our cooperation even though he has absolute authority.

II. Requests.

A. Present your bodies.

1. This means presenting your whole self.
2. God will dissolve the unrefinable aspects and use the refinable aspects of you.
3. It is more difficult to be a living sacrifice than a martyr. Beware of being so heavenly minded that you are no earthly use.
4. We are to be "holy" sacrifices. This means to be whole.

B. Don't conform to the world.

1. We must deny the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life.
2. Worldliness demands its own rights.

C. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

1. Your mind takes on another form.
2. An intake of truth begins to occur when the mind is reoriented.

III. Reasons.

A. Therefore.

1. God is our source.
2. God is our course.
3. We live through Him.

B. Mercies of God.

C. Service to God.

IV. Results. Experiential proof that God's will is perfect, good and acceptable.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to present your body to God?

2. How can a person distinguish between what is worldly and what is not?

3. What can you do to maximize your own intake of truth? Explain.
