

Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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"THE GOSPEL REQUIRES SACRIFICE" or God's Formula for a Joyful Experience in Life (part 1) **Romans 12:1-8**



Introduction:

I. DON'T LET THE WORLD PRESS YOU INTO ITS MOLD (vs. 1-2)

A. Your Need for Dedication (vs. 1)

"Therefore I urge you, brethren"

"by the mercies of God"

"to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God"

"which is your spiritual service of worship."

B. Your Need for Development (vs. 2)

"And do not be conformed to this world"

"but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"

"so that you may prove what the will of God is"

"that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

II. DON'T LET YOURSELF GET A BLOATED EGO (vs. 3)

A. The Prohibition of High Estimation (vs. 3a)

"For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you..."

"...not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think..."

B. The Promotion of Humble Estimation (vs. 3b)

"...but to think so as to have sound judgment"

"as God has allotted to each a measure of faith."

III. DON'T FAIL TO USE YOUR GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD (vs. 4-8)

A. Understand Your Mutuality (vs. 4-5)

“For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function”

“so we, who are many, are one body in Christ”

“and individually members one of another.”

B. Know Your Ministry (vs. 6-8)

“Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us” (Romans 12:6-8; I Corinthians 12:4-11)

“each of us is to exercise them accordingly”

- “if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith”

“- if service, in his serving”

- “or he who teaches, in his teaching”

- “or he who exhorts, in his exhortation”

- “he who gives, with liberality”

- “he who leads, with diligence”

- “he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Conclusion:

- 1) The proper response to God's mercy is to sacrifice yourself in order to pursue His will.
- 2) Becoming more like Christ and less like the world is a process of renewing your mind.
- 3) Every Christian has been gifted by God for service in the church.

Food for Thought:

- 1) What do you understand is the meaning of “present your body” as a sacrifice to the Lord?
- 2) How are we pressured to conform to this world? How can we best resist this?
- 3) How do you gain humility?
- 4) What is your spiritual gift? How are you using it? What are you doing to develop it?