



A Living Sacrifice / Romans 12:1-8 / Sunday, September 21, 2025

1. True **WORSHIP** is giving God my all because **LIFE** is worship - my **RESPONSE** to God. (v.1; 1 Peter 2:9; Matthew 16:24-25; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Colossians 3:17; Psalm 51:16-17; 1 Samuel 15:22; Ephesians 5:1-2)
2. Don't mindlessly settle to **BE LIKE** everyone else and **DO** that they **DO**. (v.2; 1 John 2:15-17, 5:4; James 4:4; 1 Corinthians 10:23; 1 Peter 1:14-16; Romans 8:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22)
3. Actively seek to and engage in having my mind **RENEWED** so that my life can be **TRANSFORMED**. (v.2; Ephesians 4:23-24; Colossians 3:2,10; Philippians 2:5, 4:8; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 1:13; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Psalm 1:1-3, 39:7, 119:11; Isaiah 28:16; Hebrews 12:2; Matthew 7:24, 12:43-45; Romans 8:5)
4. Live with **HUMILITY**, not having too **LOFTY** a view of myself. (v.3; 1 Corinthians 3:5-7, 4:7, 15:9-10; Ephesians 4:7; Philippians 2:3; Galatians 6:3; James 4:6; Proverbs 16:18, 25:27; Matthew 23:11-12)
5. How we '**ONE - ANOTHER**' reflects our view of **GOD**. (vv.4-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11; Hebrews 3:13, 10:24; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:16; Romans 14:19, 16:16; 1 Corinthians 4:2; 1 John 2:9-11; John 13:34-35)
6. **EMBRACE** and energetically **EMPLOY** the **GIFTS** God has given me. (vv.6-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Matthew 25:14-30; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Timothy 4:14)

Taking it Further Questions:

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What are the differences between animal sacrifices of the Old Testament and being a living sacrifice today? What are some ways we can be a living sacrifice?
3. Paul says the life I live should be motivated by God's mercy, not obligation. What are the pitfalls of living the Christian life out of obligation? What are the benefits of allowing God's manifold mercies to shape how I live?
4. What are some ways we see Christians (perhaps ourselves at times) conforming to the world (NIV, the pattern of this world)? How are we to resist this conformity *without* being legalistic and at the same time *without* being irresponsible in our freedoms?
5. Paul says that having a transformed life begins with having a renewed mind. What can we do that will contribute to having a mind that is intentionally and consistently being renewed?
6. What Paul says in verse 3 (*think of yourself according to the measure of faith God has assigned*) closely matches what he says about himself in 1 Corinthians 15:10, "*But by the grace of God I am what I am...*" Why is pride, jealousy, comparison, competition, improper motives, desiring the spotlight...so dangerous in the family of God?
7. Point 5 says that 'How we *one-another* reflects our view of God.' Explain this. Share some verses from the Bible that shine more light on this point. Why is it so crucial that we use the gifts God has given us? In what ways might you be lacking in using your gifts for the purpose of '*one-anothering*'?