

**THE WILL OF GOD**  
**All of Life is Worship**  
**Romans 12:1-2**

**Read Passage**

**Big Idea:** Give your whole self to God in response to His mercy and resist being shaped by this world through being transformed with new patterns of thinking.

**Louie Giglio:** Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God for who He is, and what He has done; expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live.

**I. Give your whole self to God in response to His mercy (12:1).**

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**A. Worship is a response to God's mercy (v. 1a).**

1a I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,

- Mercy is God's compassionate response to rebels who deserve, judgment, but gives them what they do not deserve, forgiveness.
- Christ is the fullest expression of God's mercy.

**Eph. 2:4-6**

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

- To receive God's mercy, you must see your need for it (1:18 – 3:20).

Judgment

- Suppress truth about God (1:18-20)
- Refuse to worship God (1:21-22) (3:23-25)
- Turned from God to worship idols (1:23-25)
- God gave us up to a debased mind (1:24, 26, 28)
- We are under God's wrath (1:18; 2:5, 8-9) (6-8)
- All have sinned against God (3:23)
- The wages of sin is death (6:23a)

Forgiveness

- God has the power to save (1:16)
- God justifies, redeems, and propitiates
- God forgives (4:7-8)
- God reconciles (5:8-11)
- God is conforming us to the image of Christ
- God will glorify us (8:30)
- God is sovereign over us (Ch. 9-11)

**Romans 11:32**

32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

**B. Worship is giving your whole self to God (v. 1bc).**

1b to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

- Our Christian sacrifice/worship is living, holy, and spiritual.

**Romans 6:13**

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

“Worship requires a remembrance of God’s mercy, an offering of my body to God and an obedience of God’s will in all parts of life.” **Vaughan Roberts – True Worship**

**II. Resist being shaped by this world through being transformed with new patterns of thinking (v. 2).**

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**A. Being a living sacrifice means we are continually doing two things (v. 2ab).**

(1) Negative – “Do not be conformed to this world,”

**1 Peter 1:14–16**

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

(2) Positive – “but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,”

- Worship that is pleasing to the Lord encompasses our whole being, thoughts, desires, and actions.

**Ephesians 4:22–23**

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

- **How do we renew our mind?** By meditating on the Word of God. “Meditate” means to think about a truth in the scripture to grasp it’s meaning and apply it to your life.

As the mind is renewed, believers bow to God’s rule in their lives. **Thomas Schreiner**

**B. A renewed mind enables us to discern what is the will of God (v. 2cd).**

2cd that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Enabled to discern

**Philippians 1:9–11**

9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- Empowered to do

The way to test and approve God's will for our lives is to renew our minds to the truth of God's word. Understanding these principals will change our hearts to the direction of God. We will be willing and ready to do whatever he desires because his will becomes our will.

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