

HOW TO GROW CLOSER TO GOD
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FOCUS TEXT – ROMANS 12:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

THREE ACTION STEPS FOR GROWING CLOSER TO GOD:

#1. I commit my life to God _____.

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“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” -Romans 5:8

[?] What does it mean to “offer your bodies as a living sacrifice”?

1. It's a _____ commitment.

2. It's a _____ commitment.

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” -1 Corinthians 6:19-20

3. It's a _____ commitment.

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”

-Proverbs 16:3

#2. I reject _____ of this world.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world...” -Romans 12:2a

#3. I let God change me from the _____.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” -Romans 12:2

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.” -Romans 8:1-2

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” -Philippians 4:13

MY NEXT STEP FOR TODAY ARE...

___ Memorize **Romans 5:8**.

___ Invite a friend to Rocky River Church next Sunday.

___ Read **Romans 12** at least once each day this week.



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