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**Romans 12:1-8: Offering our Lives**

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What is the difference between these two questions?

How should we live?

How then should we live?

**Romans 12:1**

*.... Offer your bodies as a Living-Sacrifice... (Romans 12:1)*





## Romans 12:2



And here in verse 2 it tells us swim against the current.

*“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.”*  
(Romans 12:2, NIV)

If you transform your mind, you will be able to test and approve that God’s will is the best!

*“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”* (Romans 12:3, NIV)

Not to think too highly or too lowly...

*“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” (Romans 12:4–5, NIV)*

We have different gifts!

*“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” (Romans 12:6–8, NIV)*

*“I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.” (Stephen Grellet)*

How do I know what my gift is?

*Our efforts to be useful, bring out our powers for usefulness. We have latent talents and dormant faculties, which are brought to light by exercise. Our strength for labour is hidden even from ourselves, until we venture forth to fight the Lord’s battles, or to climb the mountains of difficulty. We do not know what tender sympathies we possess until we try to dry the widow’s tears, and soothe the orphan’s grief. (Charles Spurgeon)*

## Home Group Questions

1. Reread Romans 12:1-8  
How do you suppose one can “renew their mind”? How does this lead to transformation? Describe someone whom you have seen have great spiritual transformation. On a scale of 1-5, how are you doing on verses 3-8? How could you improve?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
What sticks out from this passage about the gifts the Spirit gives to the body? How is it different than the one in Romans and what does it mean that they are different? How is God using you these days to edify the body of Christ? What keeps us from using our gifts?