

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Chapter 12-13

Romans 12:1 (NIV) “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.”

Romans 12:2_a (NIV) “Do not **conform** to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** (metamorphoo) by the **renewing of your mind.**”

Romans 12:2_b (NIV) “Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

It Is God's Will That I ...

1. Submit my spiritual gifts to God.

Romans 12:3 (NIV) “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 12:4-8 (NIV) “For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if 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.”

2. Submit my relationships to God.

Romans 12:9-11 (NIV) “Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

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Be joyful in hope.

Patient in affliction.

Faithful in prayer.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rejoice with those who rejoice.

Mourn with those who mourn.

Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

Do not be conceited.”

Romans 13:10_b (NIV) “... love is the fulfillment of the law.”

3. Submit my hurts and pains to God.

Romans 12:17-19 (NIV) “Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is

possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."

Romans 12:20-21 (NIV) "On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

4. Submit my political views to God.

Romans 13:1-2 (NIV) "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves."

Romans 13:4a (NIV) "For the one in authority is God's servant for your good."

Acts 5:29 (NIV) "Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings!'"

Romans 13:11 (NIV) "And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Romans 13:14 (NIV) "Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh."