



**Title: Love On: Use what God has given you.**

**Scripture: Romans 12:1-8**

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**Bible Version: NKJV**

**BOTTOM LINE: You can't use what God has given you until you surrender what God has given you.**

**Vs. 1**

**I beseech you therefore-** Paul is essentially saying in light of the previous 11 chapters he beseeches us.

*In light of who we are in Christ and what we enjoy because of Christ. - Courson*

**Present your bodies-** Before we trusted Christ, we used our bodies for sinful pleasure. As believers we belong to God now. We should use our bodies to bring Him glory.

**Present -** means to present once and for all.

**Why should we present our bodies:**

**'Mercies of God'**-It is the right response to all that God has done.

**'Reasonable service'** - It's our spiritual act of worship.

**Vs. 2**

**And do not be conformed to this world-** Paul tells us to not conform to this world.

**But be transformed.-** The word that is used for transformed means metamorphosis. Idea is to be changed completely.

*The world wants to change your mind so it exerts pressure from without. But the Holy Spirit changes your mind by releasing power from within. If the*

*world controls your thinking, you are a conformer; if God controls your thinking, you are a transformer. - Wiersbe*

**We have to surrender our will to God if we want to be used by God.**

**Renewing of your mind.**- The only way we can become a transformer or an agent of change is by getting into the word of God.

**When we get into the Word of God we discover His will. Our will conforms to His.**

**Ways to approach the word of God:**

- 1. Book of Theological insight-** You can learn great things about the Lord but not necessarily be changed.
- 2. Book of Practical insight-** You can learn how to apply the Word of God to you life but not necessarily be changed.
- 3. Book of Discovery -** You will read the Word to discover who the Lord is and what that means to you. This will change you.

**Vs. 3**

**But think soberly-** Paul tells us to think soberly about the grace God has shown us.

**You can't think soberly if you are filled with pride.**

*The gifts that we have came because of God's grace.- Wiersbe*

**Vs. 4-5**

**Many members in one body-** Paul give us a picture of how the church is like a body. It has different part and every part contributes to the whole.

**Each one of us has as specific role and function in the body of Christ.**

**Vs. 6**

**Having then gifts differing according to the grace-** Every believer has a gift.

*Spiritual gifts are tools to build with, not toys to play with or weapons to fight with. -Wiersbe*

**Vs. 7-8**

**Paul divides these gifts into two groups:**

1. Those that expound the Word.
2. Those that expand the work.

*Find your gift, develop it, and let others function in theirs. - Courson*

# Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

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## **Bible Story: Joseph Forgives His Brothers (Genesis 43-45)**

1. The story of Joseph continues! Let's read together about how Joseph meets his brothers again after a very long time. (Read together Genesis chapters 43-45)
2. What has been your favorite part of Joseph's story so far?
3. Do you think it was easy for Joseph to forgive his brothers after everything they did?
4. Who helped Joseph forgive his brothers? God did! Joseph also knew that even though some bad things had happened to him, it was all part of God's plan for him.
5. What can we learn from the story of Joseph that can help us do what is right where we live?

**Memory Verse:** Micah 6:8 (The Lord has told you what is good. He has told you what He wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly obeying your God)



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Discuss

Dig Deeper



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Romans 12:1-8

# 3D Guide

**DO.**

**BOTTOM LINE: You can't use what God has given you until to you surrender what God has given you.**



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



## DISCUSS.

1. Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts class? If so what gifts do you have?
2. According to 1 Cor. 4:6-7, and Exodus 4:11, what should our attitude about them be?
3. How can we apply Colossians 3:17 to the stewardship of our natural gifts?
4. Read Eph 4:11-16. What are some reasons God has given gifted people to the church?

**DO.**



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.

