

Romans 12:1-6, 9-10

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.

³ 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. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us...

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.



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THE ESSENCE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

- The essence of the Christian life is to make your life a **LIVING KILLING**.

SACRIFICE AND THE CHRISTIAN

- When we say you are living a life of a living sacrifice, it does NOT mean you're **ATONING** for your sin or **GAINING** God's favor.
- The trouble with a living sacrifice is it keeps **CRAWLING** off the **ALTAR**.
- You and I are not living the Christian life unless we put to **DEATH** the idea that we have a right to live however we **CHOOSE**.
- A living sacrifice leads to **INFORMED** worship.

RENEWING YOUR MIND

- **INPUTS** create **WORLDVIEW**.
Philippians 4:4-9
- You have to make the choice to **FEED** yourself on this transforming truth, and drill it down into your heart in such a way, **REFLECTING** on it, that it comes alive inside you, and **CHANGES** the way you think about everything.

TRANSFORMATIONAL HABITS

- There is no spiritual discipline more formative in the life of a Christian, than getting the **BIBLE** into you.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT

- A Christian's **OBEDIENCE** is the product of what **GOD** has done in our lives, not something we manufacture on our own.



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GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, **was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, inspired or confused you?**

DIGGING DEEPER

2. **Read Romans 12:1-2**

What do you think it means to offer your body as a "living sacrifice"?

Why is it important that you do this "in view of God's mercies"?

How would you describe the difference between being "conform[ed] to the patterns of this world" and "transformed by the renewing of your mind"?

3. **Why is the battle for the mind so important in Christian growth and formation?**

GETTING PERSONAL

4. **What inputs do you have in your life that have shaped and NON-BIBLICAL worldview in your mind?**

5. **What is one thing you can do over the next 5-6 months to be renewed by transforming your mind...**

- **in your relationship to God?**
- **to yourself?**
- **to others?**

BRINGING IT HOME

6. **Read Philippians 4:4-9** together.

How do these verses reinforce what Paul wrote in Romans 12:1-2?

PRAY TOGETHER