

:: Summary

We will never live God's way by living according to the world's standards. Rather, as a response to God's grace and mercy, believers are to offer a continually surrendered and transformed life to God. This includes discerning and living out God's good, pleasing and perfect will through the renewal of our minds.

:: Share

Whether it is in formal education or life in general, we are all learners. Name a subject (from school, a hobby or general interest) you really enjoy learning about and describe how it makes a difference in your life.

:: Explore and Discuss | Romans 12:1-2

Read Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 Peter 1:3, Titus 3:5. Why does Paul have mercy in view as he begins to lay out the ethical dimensions of our faith in Romans 12:1?

To be a living sacrifice is to be fully surrendered, giving all of who you are to all of who God is. Describe a tangible example of what surrender looks like in your life. What makes it either easy or hard for you?

Why is the ongoing renewal of your mind important for the way you live? Give a specific example of a practice that helps you be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

:: Apply it to Your Life

You belong to Christ ("You are not your own; you were bought at a price" - 1Corinthians 6:19b-20. "Holy" = set apart for God - Romans. 12:1) What are some implications of this truth for your way of life?

What is one negative influence the pattern of this world has in your life?

In light of your answers above, how can you worship God throughout this week?

:: Pray

Giving thanks to Jesus for his great mercy.

Offering yourself to God.

Asking the Holy Spirit to renew your mind as you engage Scripture.

