

**Series:** Service: It's Only Reasonable  
**Title:** *ReFocus: A Different Volunteer Outlook*  
**Text:** Romans 12:1-3

**Introduction:**

- Since God has shown us mercy, it only seems reasonable that we serve Him.

**Memory Verse**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

**Big Idea**

A calling from God to serve is the \_\_\_\_\_ to serve from God's viewpoint.



**Let's look at four views of serving that God has.**

**I) God wants me to surrender my \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.**

...present your bodies a living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1)

- A. My body \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy...ye are bought with a price: ...glorify God in your body...which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

- B. My body should be used to make God look \_\_\_\_\_.

... so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body... For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (Philippians 1:20-21)

- C. When my body is surrendered to God, the Holy Spirit can use it for His \_\_\_\_\_.

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God. (Romans 6:13)

**II) God wants me to surrender my \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.**

...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:2)

- A. Society wants to control our minds, but God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind...But ye have not so learned Christ...put off concerning the former conversation the old man...be renewed in the spirit of your mind...put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (Ephesians 4:17-24)

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above...Set your affection on things above...your life is hid with Christ in God...Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth...put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. (Colossians 3:1-11)

B. God changes our minds by the \_\_\_\_\_ input of God's Word, Prayer and Christian Fellowship.

**III) God wants me to surrender my \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.**

And be not conformed to this world...prove what is that good...acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:2)

A. Many \_\_\_\_\_ when they try to control their will through "will power".

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I...For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. (Romans 7:15-21)

B. We surrender our will to God through \_\_\_\_\_ prayer.

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done...he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (Luke 22:42-44)

**IV) God wants me to surrender my \_\_\_\_\_ through His Church.**

A. God desires that we \_\_\_\_\_ Him through His Church.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you...think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ...speaking the truth in love...maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (Ephesians 4:7-16)

B. God \_\_\_\_\_ each member of the Church for service.

But now hath God set his members every one of them in the body... (1 Corinthians 12:18)

**Conclusion:**

The commitment to serve God is to radically surrender everything I have and all I am for His purpose.

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**Most in society believe that being the leader of others is the goal of life. You are invited back next week as we rethink what volunteering is all about.**

