

# Your Reasonable Service

Go get in the game for God's glory.



Salvation is a free gift; there is nothing we can do to earn it or to deserve it. We are saved by grace through faith; plus nothing, minus nothing. Our "job" is to choose to accept that free gift and become a child of God. Once we do that, then our "work" for God begins. Today we are going to look at our reasonable service for God.

## The \_\_\_\_\_ – Rom. 12:1a

- ) *"I have something I really need you to do."*
- The Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul, has a request specifically to believers in Rome, but generally to all believers in the Church Age.
  - Beseech: to entreat; to implore, to ask or pray with urgency - 2 Cor. 6:1; Eph. 4:1; 1 Thess. 4:1
  - The driving force behind this request is the mercy of God. Based upon greatness and depth of God's mercy on us, we can show God's mercy by being merciful to others – 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Eph. 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-8.

Because we're saved, our born-again \_\_\_\_\_ is able to serve God – Rom. 1:9.

- ) *"I need you to present your body a living sacrifice that is holy and acceptable unto God."*
- Present: to set, place or introduce into the presence or before the face of a superior
  - In the OT, the priest would present an animal before God in the tabernacle/temple for sacrifice – Leviticus. Jesus Christ presented Himself in the heavenly temple once, for all – Heb. 7:27; 9:11-12; 10:4, 10, 12, 14, 19-21. Now, we, as believers, are the temple – 1 Cor. 3:17; 2 Cor. 6:16, and we are the priests – 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6.
  - How can I be a living sacrifice? – Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6; 8:13
    - I can be a living sacrifice by what I \_\_\_\_\_ – Ps. 50:23; 69:30-31; 107:21-22; Eph. 5:19-20; Heb. 13:15-16.
    - I can be a living sacrifice by what I \_\_\_\_\_ – Matt. 5:16; Titus 2:7, 14; 3:8,14; Heb. 10:24; or don't do - Gal. 5:19-21; 1 John 2:16.
    - I can be a living sacrifice by what/how I \_\_\_\_\_ – Phil. 2:1-15; 4:6-8.
  - How do I know it's right?
    - It must be holy or set apart for God – Lev. 20:7; 2 Cor. 6:17; 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:15-16.
    - And it must be acceptable unto God – Gen. 4:3-7; Heb. 11:4; Gal. 1:10

If we daily become a living sacrifice, my \_\_\_\_\_ is now able to serve God – Isa. 6:8.

## The \_\_\_\_\_ – Rom. 12:1b-2a

- ) *"I have some things for you to do. Don't worry, you can do them."*
- Reasonable: tolerable; moderate; just; rational
  - Service: labor of body or body and mind, performed at the command of a superior, or the pursuance of a duty, or for the benefit of another

God is all powerful and all knowing; He truly is the God of the impossible – Luke 1:37. We are finite creatures; we have limitations – Ps. 103:14. God will never ask you to do something He has not first given you the ability to do – 1 Pet. 4:11. Sometimes things seem impossible (to us) but remember, with God, all things are possible – Luke 18:27.

- Priestly service – 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Thess. 5:17
- People service – John 17:6-8
  - Gifts and Talents – Eph. 4:7-8, 11-12; Matt. 25:14-29; Phil. 4:13
  - Liberty – Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 2:16
  - Good, Better, Best Principle

) *“Here’s how you’re going to do it.”*

- You’re not going to be not conformed to this world – 2 Cor. 6:14-17; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim. 4:10
- You’re going to be transformed – Ps. 51:10; Eze. 36:26; Eph. 4:22-24. By the renewing of your mind – 2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 4:17-24; Titus 3:5; Isa. 55:8-9; 1 Cor. 2:16

If my mind, will, and emotions are conformed, transformed, and renewed – my \_\_\_\_\_ is able to serve God – Heb. 9:14.

**The \_\_\_\_\_ – Rom. 12:2b**

) *“Give it a try, you’ll see that I’m right.”*

- Prove: to make certain; to show: to evince (make evident) - 1 Sam. 17:38-39; 1 Pet. 1:7

) *“Now, go get to work.”*

- The good, acceptable and perfect will of God – Jer. 29:11
- Be prepared – 1 Tim. 4:8; Eph. 6:10-18.
- Open door/closed door.
- Get to work – Col. 3:23.

Now that I have all \_\_\_\_\_ parts of me able to serve God, I am fully equipped to serve Him, to bring Him glory and make Him look good.

It’s REASONABLE that we must serve God with all 3 parts of our being – why hold anything back?

We are not saved to sit around, we are saved to serve – that’s REASONABLE – otherwise, what are we doing here?

In light of what Jesus Christ has done for you, isn’t it REASONABLE that we do some things for Him? God is not asking you to do something ridiculously impossible (although sometimes it *feels* like it), He’s only asking you to do something REASONABLE. How hard can REASONABLE be since He is going to give us the ability to do it. Isn’t that REASONABLE?

We’re either going to serve ourselves, or we’re going to serve God - Joshua 24:15. Make the REASONABLE choice and give God your REASONABLE SERVICE.