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to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God -

this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a <u>new</u> person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning:

Don't think you are better than you really are.

Romans 12:3 (NLT)

Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

Romans 12:3 (NLT)

Just as our bodies have many parts and <u>each</u> <u>part has a special function</u>, so it is with Christ's body.

Romans 12:4 - 5 (NLT)

We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

In his grace, <u>God has given us different gifts</u> for doing certain things well.

Romans 12:5 - 6 (NLT)

So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

Romans 12:6 (NLT)

If your gift is serving others, serve them well.

If you are a teacher, teach well.

Romans 12:7 (NLT)

If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging.

If it is giving, give generously.

Romans 12:8 (NLT)

If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously.

And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Romans 12:8 (NLT)

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.

Hate what is wrong.

Hold tightly to what is good.

Romans 12:9 (NLT)

Love each other with genuine affection,

and take delight in honoring each other.

Romans 12:10 (NLT)

Never be lazy,

but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Romans 12:11 (NLT)

Rejoice in our confident hope.

be patient in trouble,

and keep on praying.

Romans 12:12 (NLT)

When God's people are in need, be ready and help them.

Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13 (NLT)

Bless those who persecute you.

Don't curse them, pray that God will bless them.

Romans 12:14 (NLT)

Be happy with those who are happy,

and weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15 (NLT)

- Live in harmony with each other.
- Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people.
- And don't think you know it all.

Romans 12:16 (NLT)

Never pay back evil with more evil.

Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

Romans 12:17 (NLT)

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18 (NLT)

Dear friends, never take revenge.

Leave that to the righteous anger of God.

Romans 12:19 (NLT)

For the Scriptures say,
"I will take revenge; I will pay them back,"
says the LORD.

Romans 12:19 (NLT)

Instead,

"If your enemies are hungry, feed them.

If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame

on their heads."

Romans 12:20 (NLT)

Don't evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

- 1 Submit to governing authorities
- 6 Pay your taxes
- 8 Owe nothing to anyone, except your obligation to love one another

Romans 13 (NLT)

This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out.

Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Romans 13:11 (NLT)

The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here.

So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living.

Romans 13:12 (NLT)

Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy.

Romans 13:13 (NLT)

Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

Romans 13:14 (NLT)





I don't know who you are.
I don't know what you want.

But if you are looking for fulfillment in anything other than your relationship with God, it will end in emptiness.

God was killed for you.

God is looking for you.

God is pursuing you.

Will you trust Him and exchange your life for His?

God has created you with a particular set of skills. Skills He has been developing in you your entire life.

Skills like yours can be the difference of life and death for other people like you.

In view of God's mercy shown to you – will you put your skills to use to show others God's mercy?





He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it.
Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the
disciples, saying,

"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19 (NLT)

After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This is the new covenant between God and his people – an agreement with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."

Luke 22:20 (NLT)











