

Believers Together: Discovering the Word – October 12, 2022

Living Sacrifices—Romans 12:1–8

Open It

1. What influences have significantly shaped your life?

Romans 12:1–8 (ESV)

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Explore It

2. How do people properly worship God? (12:1)
3. How is the Christian to be different from unbelieving people? (12:2)
4. What must happen in order for a person to discern and agree with the will of God? (12:2)
5. What makes Christians different from one another? (12:4–6)
6. In what way are all Christians alike? (12:4–6)
7. What are the gifts of God? (12:6–8)
8. How should each person use his or her gifts? (12:6–8)

Get It

9. What are the patterns of the world that tempt us to conform?
10. How can a Christian renew his or her mind?
11. How can the gifts God bestows on Christians help others in the church or community?
12. What gifts from God do you see in others?
13. What gifts from God do you see in your life?

Apply It

14. What is one step you can take this week toward eliminating habits that merely conform to the world's pattern?