

The Believer and God

Romans 12:01–02

1. *Give your devotion, your energy, your thoughts to God*

2. *Present your bodies to God*

a. As a living sacrifice, holy

b. The reason:

Is acceptable and reasonable

3. *Do not be conformed to this world*

4. *Be cleansed, transformed*

a. By renewing your mind

b. By showing that God's will is good, acceptable, perfect

1 Therefore,
I urge you, brothers,
in view of God's mercy,
to offer your bodies as living sacrifices,
holy and pleasing to God
— this is your spiritual act of worship.

2 Do not conform any longer
to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed
by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve
what God's will is
— his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The Believer and Himself

Romans 12:03–08

1. *Think highly of yourself, but not too highly*

a. Think soberly:
Sanely, accurately

b. The reasons

1) What we have
comes from God

2) God gives to every person
a measure of gifts
and abilities

3) We are all one body
in Christ

3 For by the grace given me
I say to every one of you:
Do not think of yourself
more highly than you ought,
but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,
in accordance with the measure of faith
God has given you.

4 Just as each of us has one body
with many members,
and these members do not all have
the same function,

5 So in Christ we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.

<p>2. Use the gifts God has given you</p> <p>a. The gift of prophecy</p> <p>b. The gift of serving</p> <p>c. The gift of teaching</p> <p>d. The gift of encouragement</p> <p>e. The gift of giving</p> <p>f. The gift of leadership</p> <p>g. The gift of mercy</p>	<p>6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.</p> <p>7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;</p> <p>8 If it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.</p>
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The Believer and Other Believers

Romans 12:09–13

<p>1. Love sincerely (no hypocrisy)</p> <p>a. By hating evil</p> <p>b. By clinging to good</p> <p>c. By loving as brothers</p> <p>d. By giving preference to others</p> <p>2. Serve the Lord</p> <p>a. Do not lag in zeal</p> <p>b. Be fervent, on fire spiritually</p> <p>3. Conquer trials</p> <p>a. By rejoicing in hope</p> <p>b. By praying constantly</p> <p>4. Meet needs unselfishly</p> <p>a. By giving generously</p> <p>b. By being hospitable</p>	<p>9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.</p> <p>10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.</p> <p>11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.</p> <p>12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.</p> <p>13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.</p>
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