



Romans 12

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform 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. 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 faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For 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, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. ⁹ *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.* ¹⁰ *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.* ¹¹ *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.* ¹² *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* ¹³ *Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.* ¹⁴ *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.* ¹⁵ *Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.* ¹⁶ *Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.^[c] Do not be conceited.* ¹⁷ *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.* ¹⁸ *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.* ¹⁹ *Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"^[d] says the Lord.* ²⁰ *On the contrary:*

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."*

²¹ *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*





Worship is our response to God for who He is and what He's done, expressed in the thoughts we think, the words we speak and the actions we take.

Verses 1-2

Presenting our Bodies = worship

- Worship is the way we live not what we do on Sunday morning.
 - *One of the great dangers of the Christian life is to divide the spiritual from the material .*
- Worship involves renewing our mind
 - If we change the way we think, we change the way we live
 - It is a process.
 - It is internal.
 - A conundrum—Law vs. grace.





Verses 3-8

- Being a living sacrifice, transforming ourselves and renewing our mind takes place in community
 - *The implication:* I cannot fully renew my mind without the active help of others.
 - *The implication:* I cannot fully understand Scripture without dialoging with others reading the same.
 - *The implication:* I cannot discern the blind spots in my obedience without others who will point them out.
- I must participate to help others.
 - It's not all about me!!

Verses 9-21—LOVE IN ACTION!

- Biblical love is not an emotion It is an attitude/mindset.
 - *The mindset of love will always result in actions that are in full accord with His good and perfect will.*
 - *God establishes the standards of right behavior.*





- *God inspires love for others within us.*
- *Therefore the two cannot be in conflict.*
- Some facets of sincere love
 - Violent hatred of evil and tenacious attachment to what is good. *(2 John 6)*
 - Putting others first is an expression of genuine, sincere love.
 - Sincere love and passion must always be put in obedient service to the Lord.
 - Pursue hospitality with others.
 - Sincere love lives in harmony with other people.
 - *Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27-28*
 - Sincere love overcomes evil with good.

