



A Living Sacrifice

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 12

How are you living? Do the people who know you understand you to be a Christ follower? Or do you go along to get along in the world around you? This may be a hard question for some. You see, if we are not intentional in our walk with Christ, we may be just as sinful and lost as the world around us. Paul sets the bar for our spiritual level, *"Do 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"* (vs. 2).

This entire chapter speaks to the characteristics one must exhibit as they walk with Christ. Each one of us must examine ourselves soberly to ensure that we are behaving by the measure of faith God has assigned us.

Question: Are you using the gifts and talents the Lord has bestowed on you towards Kingdom pursuits? Let us break this down further:

- Do you abhor what is evil and hold fast to what is good?
- Do you have a reverent spirit? Are you on fire for Christ?
- Are you a prayer warrior? Do you pray for saved and unsaved people?
- If you are a teacher, do you lead groups in the church setting?
- If you are a leader, do you lead in a church ministry?
- If you serve, are you serving in a church ministry?
- Do you seek to show the hospitality of Christ? Are you generous and loving?

All these characteristics are marks of a true Christian. No one can do all of them. However, every follower of Christ should be performing at least one of them in His church, which is the Body of Christ. Paul speaks to this, *"for as in one body we have many members, and the members do not have the same function, so we, although many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another"* (vv. 4-5).

PRAYER: Father, thank You for bestowing in me special gifts and talents. Help me, Father, utilize my talents, time and treasures to the best of my ability as I pursue the things that make for peace. Help me, Father, to live like Jesus to the best of my ability so I can be assured of living peaceably with all. Amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 13

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