**Romans Chapter 12: “God’s Wants Every Christian Too…**

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**#1) … Be A Living SACRIFICE For God.**

***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****.* Romans 12:1

**#2) … Renew Your MIND.**

***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.* Romans 12:2

[See 1 John 2:16-17]

* **… “Think” About Yourself CORRECTLY.**

***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.* Romans 12:3

* **… “Think” How Each Of Us Is ESSENTIAL. [See 1 Cor 12]**

***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.* Rom 12:4-5

***6****We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is* ***prophesying****, then prophesy in accordance with yourfaith;****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****, do it diligently; if it is to show* ***mercy****, do it cheerfully.* Romans 12:6-8

Romans 5:6-8

**#3) … Sincerely Love OTHERS Like Jesus. [30 rapid-fire commands]**

***9****Love must be* ***sincere***(without hypocrisy)*.****Hate*** *what is evil;* ***cling*** *to what is good.* Romans 12:9

***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****.****13Share*** *with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice* ***hospitality****.* Romans 12:10-13

**Toward Others:**

***14****Bless those who persecute you;****bless and do not curse****.****15Rejoice*** *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. Do not be* ***conceited****.* Romans 12:14-16

**#4) … Love Our ENEMIES:**

***17****Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to* ***do what is right*** *in the eyes of everyone.*Romans 12:17 [see Matthew 5:43-44; 1 Peter 2:21-23

***18****If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,* ***live at peace with everyone****.* Romans 12:18

***19Do 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,” says the Lord.* Romans 12:19

***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****.* Romans 12:20-21

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