

GIFTED FOR GLORIFYING GOD

The Attitude of SERVING – Romans 12:1-8

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SERVING GOD SHOULD BE A WORSHIPFUL ACT, **REFLECTING** HIS WORK IN US, HUMBLY **USING** HIS GIFTS TO US, TO **CONTINUOUSLY** GLORIFY HIM.

INTRODUCTION: A Prelude to Romans 12

ROMANS 12:1 – The Backbone of a Regenerated Life in Christ

I urge you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices as an act of worship as a result of experiencing God's mercy.

BIG IDEA:

Serving God is an act of worship that comes from **EXPERIENCING** God's mercy through the gospel.

WHAT SHOULD THIS LOOK LIKE?

Serving God...

1. Should not **REFLECT** the world's way of living (verse 2).
 - The world's lifestyle is actually dead
 - It stands in opposition to experiencing God's mercy
2. Should reflect His **REGENERATING** work in our minds/hearts/bodies (verse 2).
 - Life in Christ is a metamorphic process (Rom 5-8)
 - Transformation is a fruit of the gospel
3. Must be rooted in an **HONEST** self-evaluation in light of our God-given faith (verse 3).
 - Not a differing faith portion to each of us
 - Our evaluation shouldn't be too high or too low
4. Should be in **UNISON** with the other members of the body (verses 4-5).
 - Each of us have a different function
 - We all have the same purpose- glorifying GOD
5. Should display our **GRATITUDE** for his grace by using our gifts well (verses 6-8).
 - Different gifts; same grace; both God-given
 - How we serve speaks of our level of gratitude

Romans 12:1-8

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;
- 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.

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