

Romans 12:1-21

Lesson Fifteen

*“My glorious Victor, Prince Divine,
Clasp these surrendered hands in Thine;
At length my will is all Thine own,
Glad vassal of a Saviour’s throne.”*

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DAY ONE: Roman 12:1-2

1. List one or two main thoughts God has impressed on your heart from last week’s lesson, the overview or any other teaching this week and share with your group.

2. Paul has used the word “*therefore*” four times thus far in the book of Romans. List the requests that Paul makes to the readers or the statements he makes.
 - a. **Romans 3:20:**
 - b. **Romans 5:1:**
 - c. **Romans 8:1:**
 - d. **Romans 12:1:**

3. Do a word study on the following words using your study tools:
 - a. ***Living*** (#2198) ***Sacrifice*** (#2378):
 - b. ***Holy*** (#40):
 - c. ***Acceptable*** (#2101):
 - d. ***Reasonable*** (#3050):
 - e. ***Service*** (#2999):

4. What is Paul calling us to do in **Romans 12:1-2**?
 - a. How can we do this according to **Romans 12:1**?
 - 1) Keeping in mind our study thus far, is there anything we can do or offer to God on our own that would be pleasing to Him?

2) How can we do this according to **Hebrews 12:28**?

b. Why would we as believers do this according to **Romans 12:1**?

Challenge: On a separate sheet of paper, describe how we can present our bodies as living sacrifices to God. Contrast this type of sacrifice with those in the Old Testament. How do both the Old Testament sacrifices and the living sacrifices compare with the sacrifice of Jesus?

5. Is there a difference in your life since you have come to know Christ as your Lord and Savior? Was your body or mind being used in a way that differs from your life today? Do you have a testimony of what God saved you from? Either way, think about it and pray that God continues to sanctify you (set you apart for His service). As you look at the following verses, remember that we were all born into sin. No one's sin is worse than another's. In God's economy, sin is sin.

a. **1 Corinthians 6:9-11:**

b. **1 John 1:8-10:**

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 3:13-14

6. Why would you present yourself to God, holy and acceptable according to the following Scriptures?

a) **1 Corinthians 6:19-20:**

b) **Romans 8:9:**

c) **Philippians 1:20-21:**

d) **Hebrews 10:19-23:**

e) **Romans 6:13:**

7. Fill in the blank, and then write out **Romans 12:1** several times, committing it to memory.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the _____ of _____, that you present your _____ a living _____, holy, _____ to God, which is your _____ service.”

8. What does Paul tell us in **Romans 12:2**?
9. What is the result of what he tells us to do in **Romans 12:2c**?
10. Look up the following words and phrase using your study tools:
 - a. **Transformed** (#3339):
 - b. **Conformed** (#4964):
 - c. **Perfect** (#5046):
 - d. **Will of God** (#2307):
11. Pastor Chuck says, *“Many people seek to relate man to animals because they want to live like them. Animals do not possess a spirit and live solely on a body conscience level. So, the man wants to feel free of any responsibility to God. He disclaims his Spiritual capacity and proclaims himself a highly evolved animal. He’s constantly searching for the missing link between himself and the ape. Natural man does have a missing link, but it is not between man and the animal kingdom, it is between man and God. Man once created in the image of God has fallen from the Spirit controlled being he once was to the flesh controlled being he has become. Now God seeks to restore man into His image by the new birth.”* How do we transform (cleanse) our minds from this natural way of thinking according to the following verses?
 - a. **Ephesians 5:25-26**:
 - b. **Psalm 119:9**:
 - c. **Titus 3:5-7**:
 - d. **Ezekiel 36:25-27**:
12. Spend some time in prayer meditating on the above verses. Pray that God opens your heart to new insights as you meditate on His Word!

*“Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
 Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love.
 Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee.
 Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only, for my King.”*
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DAY TWO: Romans 12:3-8

1. Throughout the study of Romans we have looked at the Grace of God from many different angles. This subject is crucial to our Christian walk. The life we now live in Christ is only by the grace of God. When we understand what we have studied thus far, that there is none righteous, no not one ~ this gives us a proper perspective on who we are. As way of review look up the following Scriptures:
 - a. **Romans 12:3**:
 - b. **1 Corinthians 4:7b**:
 - c. **Philippians 2:3-8**:

d. Look up **1 Corinthians 15:10** for Paul's personal testimony.

2. What metaphor does Paul use in **Romans 12:4-5** for the family of God?

Paul seems to switch gears here in **Romans 12** and talk about Spiritual gifts. But he is not switching gears at all. He moves from mercy to grace to humility to "a measure of faith." The emphasis is not on the gifts themselves but the attitudes in which the gifts are to be exercised. Let's spend some time in the Word where it talks about how we are to conduct ourselves as "the body" of Christ:

a. What is necessary, according to **1 Corinthians 13:1-2**:

b. How will we know if what we do is powered by God according to **Galatians 5:22-26**:

3. There are four major sections of Scripture that deal with Spiritual gifts. For the remainder of the day look up and list all you can about Spiritual gifts from the following passages. Please set aside all your preconceived ideas and simply look at the Scripture.

Romans 12:4-8	1 Peter 4:10-11	1 Corinthians 12:1-31	Ephesians 4:1-16

DAY THREE: Romans 12:9-16

1. Review the memory verse for this week. Write out **Romans 12:1** from memory if you can!

2. Paul lists many contrasts in this section of Scripture. In the chart below write what our attitudes and actions should and should not be in **Romans 12:9-21**:

What we should do	What we should not do

3. From **Romans 12:9** look up the following words using your study tools.

a. **Hypocrisy** (Dissimulation - #505):

b. **Abhor** (#655):

c. **Evil** (#4190):

d. **Cling** (#Cleave - 2853):

e. Now write **Romans 12:9** in your own words:

1) How does **Psalm 101:3** reiterate this verse?

2) And **Psalm 34:14**?

5. From **Romans 12:11** look up the following words:

a. **Lagging** (#3636) **in diligence** (#4710):

- b. **Fervent** (#2204) **in Spirit** (#4151):
- 1) Look up the following Scriptures and comment:
 - a) **Proverbs 13:4**:
 - b) **2 Thessalonians 3:6-12**:
6. How does **Romans 12:12** go against our natural tendency?
7. Look up the following words from **Romans 12:12**:
- a. **Hope** (#1680):
 - 1) What is our hope according to **Colossians 1:27**?
 - b. **Patient** (#5278):
 - 1) What helps us in being patient according **1 Thessalonians 1:3-4**?
 - c. **Tribulation** (#2347):
 - 1) How can we glory in our tribulations according to **Romans 5:3-5**?
 - d. **Steadfastly** (#4342):
 - 1) What does **Ephesians 6:18-19** say?
8. What does **Romans 12:15** say?
- a. Who's heart must we have for others in order for us to do this?
 - b. Only if we do not think too highly of ourselves will we be able to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those that rejoice. Stop and pray, asking God to give you His heart for others.
9. What overriding principle do you see in this portion of Scripture?

DAY FOUR: Romans 12:16-21

1. Fill in the blank and then write out **Romans 12:1-2** several times, committing it to memory.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the _____ of _____, that you present your _____ a living _____, holy, _____ to God, which is your _____ service. And do not be _____ to this world, but be _____ by the renewing of your _____, that you may prove what is that good and _____ and _____ will of God.”

2. Prayerfully read **Romans 12:15-21**.
3. Paul is now discussing how we are to deal with those that are alienated or having conflicts with us. Summarize how we are to react when dealing with difficult people next to each Scripture reference below.
 - a. **Verse 15:**
 - 1) Read and meditate on Jesus’ example in **Philippians 2:1-8**.
 - b. **Verse 16:**
 - 1) Read and meditate on **1 Peter 3:8-9**.
 - c. **Verse 17:**
 - 1) Read and meditate on **1 Peter 3:8-9**.
 - d. **Verse 18:**
 - 1) How far does God expect you to go in seeking restoration with others?
 - 2) Read and meditate on **Hebrews 12:14**.

e. **Verse 19:**

1) Read and meditate on **Leviticus 19:18**:

f. **Verse 20:**

g. **Verse 21:**

1) What principle does Paul give in **verse 21** that applies not only to dealing with difficult people, but also with our own sinful nature?

“Throne of Grace...It’s Your kindness that leads to repentance”

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DAY FIVE: Review

1. Fill in the blanks and then write out **Romans 12:1-2** several times, committing it to memory.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the _____ of _____, that you present your _____ a living _____, holy, _____ to God, which is your _____ service. And do not be _____ to this world, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____, that you may _____ what is that good and _____ and _____ will of God.”

2. Spend some time and prayerfully read **Romans 12**. This chapter is rich in application for our lives as Christians. Allow God to minister to your heart as you read this chapter! Look for answers to the following questions as you read **Romans 12**.

- a. Is there a new concept for you to grasp?
- b. Is there a sin to avoid?
- c. Is there a promise to embrace?
- d. Is there an example or command to follow?

3. Now write out **Romans 12:1-2** from memory if you can!

***“Lord I give You my heart,
I give You my soul,
Lord, have Your way with me,
Every breath that I take
Every moment I’m awake
I live for You alone”***

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