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Living Sacrifice

- **Romans 12:1-2:** "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. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
- "Exhort" is an ongoing and active pleading. Paul is passionately pleading that we listen.
- Paul is telling us to:
- **Live Completely Devoted to God**
 - Every single part of us should be given as a sacrifice to God
 - Our lives should reflect our devotion to God
 - **Mark 12:30:** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."
 - Check your daily priorities and realign God as your #1
 - Your self-worth and identity are **completely** in Jesus Christ
 - Fill your mind with His Word every single day. When you fill your mind with His Word, there's no room for other things.
- **Live Holy for God**
 - God commands us to be holy like him. Holy means to be set apart for God's use.
 - **Hebrews 10:10:** "...we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
 - **Why do we need to be holy like God?**
 - ◆ Keeps your hearts clean
 - ◆ Gives you confidence and fills your heart with gratitude
 - ◆ Gives you purpose and direction in life
 - What do you need to cut out of your life that doesn't represent God?
 - What needs to be removed so people can see more of God in your life?
 - Who needs to be removed from your lives?
- **Live to Please God**
 - Most of us live to please ourselves
 - Our decisions revolve around what will most benefit us
 - **Romans 8:8:** "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."
 - **Galatians 6:8:** "Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction."
 - How do we please God? The first thing we need to do is give Him our heart.
 - When Jesus is our lord and master it pleases God
 - **2 Corinthians 5:9:** "So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him."
 - We are to please Him and have the heart please Him **because** of the **mercies** of God
 - Paul essentially says how can we not do all these things for the Lord after ALL he's done for us. It is the reasonable thing to do.
- **Renew Your Mind**

- **1 Peter 5:8:** "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."
- Satan **always** attacks us in our mind.
- Renew your mind in Christ every single day. Replace your thoughts with His Word.
- True life change and transformation happens from the inside out when you let God reshapes and renews your thoughts and perspective.