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Romans 12:1-2 ISV I therefore urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing to God, for this is the reasonable way for you to worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but continually be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may be able to determine what God's will is—what is proper, pleasing, and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 NLT And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.



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- God's mercies lead to worship (Romans 12:1)
 - God has done amazing things for us – for which we should freely give our life in service to Him
 - Do we grasp the concept that every facet of life should constitute worship?
- Conforming to the world leads away from God's will (Romans 12:2a,c)
 - The world influences/indoctrinates us thru entertainment and education – actively and passively
 - Are we allowing the world to “press us into its mold” (J.B. Philips)?
- Transformation thru renewing our mind leads us toward God's will (Romans 12:2b,c)
 - God's word and God's Spirit are the keys to renewing our minds
 - Are we allowing God's word to penetrate our emotions and thinking?
- Are you content with where you are in your Christian walk? Or do you need to change, to grow?
Understanding God's mercies and how we discern God's will are the foundational basis for change.

