




ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

What's on Your Mind?

Romans 12:1-2



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.

PRESENT YOUR BODY

- **Sacrifice**

Three characteristics

1. Living
2. Holy
3. Acceptable



PRESENT YOUR BODY

How:

Make worship a priority

Seek out ministry opportunities

Take care of the temple



RENEW YOUR MIND

- A commitment to transformation
- The importance of the mind
 - Default: Conformed to the world around us

ROMANS 1:21–23

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

RENEW YOUR MIND

- A commitment to transformation
- The importance of the mind
 - Default: Conformed to the world around us
 - Conformed to the image of the son of God.
 - 1) Present tense: continuous
 - 2) Passive: the catalyst is God
 - 3) Imperative: you do have a part to play



RENEW YOUR MIND

How:

Read the word on your own

Memorize scripture

Slow down



TO GO

If you worship what you love, what do you worship?
What or who is shaping your mind?
What disciplines should you practice this year in order to live as a “living sacrifice?”