

Worship

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today! We are thrilled you are here!

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. 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.

Romans 12:1-2

This is such a familiar passage of scripture. My most vivid memories of hearing this quoted are from my freshman year in college. I think I heard it everywhere. The verses always seemed to have a focus on us as individuals. The number of times the pronouns you and your are used make it easy to come to that conclusion. And yes, there is some responsibility on our part.

However, I am convinced this section of scripture is more about worship than it is about us. The end of chapter 11 closes with a declaration of how awesome God is. Chapter 12 begins by saying, because God is so awesome worship Him. And we do that by realizing that all of life is about Him and His will being carried out in our common, everyday lives.

I like how The Message conveys this – *"Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering."* That is worship.

Worship enables us to see the world through the eyes of God. Worship shapes our hearts so our minds can be transformed.

Worship today by placing everything before God as an offering!

All Things for Christ,
Michael