

# Romans 12:1

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**Message** ..take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life – and place it before God as an offering.

## **Amplified Bible**

... to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.

## **Easy-to-Read Version**

... offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him—an offering that is only for God and pleasing to him. ... it is only right that you should worship him in this way.

## **New American Standard Bible**

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

## **New Living Translation**

... This is truly the way to worship him.

**What does this mean? How do I do this?**

**I'm glad you asked, because the Bible has the answer...**

# Ephesians 4:22-32 KJV

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## **STEP ONE:**

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

**The Message** ...everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it!

**In other words...** stop living the way you lived before.

## **STEP TWO:**

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

We have to take on a new way of thinking and acting.

**Amplified:** [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude]

How do we do this? By allowing the Holy Spirit to renew our thoughts and attitudes through the reading of the Word and preaching/teaching. But we can't just read and listen, we **MUST** become doers of the Word as stated in James 1:22 "be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only"

## **STEP THREE:**

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Notice it says 'YE' put on the new man, not wait for God to do it. WE need to strive to take on that new life in Christ. An entirely new way of living—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working

itself into our outward conduct as we co-labor with God, through His Word, to have His character reproduced in us.

And how do we do that?

***STEP FOUR:***

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

I really like how this Message Translation words this verse:

“What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ’s body we’re all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.”

***STEP FIVE:***

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

NLT: And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry,”

We are emotional beings. Something happens that ticks you off, deal with it. Don’t let it fester and grow and cause problems. Face it, resolve it if possible, forgive, and let it go. Anger is the seed of bitterness and if you allow that seed to get planted it will grow. The devil will see to that.

***STEP SIX:***

27 Neither give place to the devil.

He will give you plenty of opportunity every day to give him place.

### **STEP SEVEN:**

28 Let him that stole steal no more:

“Do an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay” People can steal without ever physically taking anything. “Steal” peace, joy, happiness, etc. What about “robbing” God? In the tithe, worship, reverence, etc.

...but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

### **STEP EIGHT:**

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Don’t use foul or abusive language. “Hear what your mouth is saying” Is it good and helpful? Does it build up? Will your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Let your words line up with God’s Word. Remember, the power of life and death, for you and others, is in the tongue.

### **STEP NINE:**

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

### **HOW???**

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**Message:** 31-32 Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

**Amplified:** 31 Let all bitterness and indignation and wrath (passion, rage, bad temper) and resentment (anger, animosity) and quarreling (brawling, clamor, contention) and slander (evil-speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will, or baseness of any kind).

32 And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you.

# 1 Peter 2:9

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## **The Message**

9-10 But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

## **Amplified Bible**

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

## **Easy-to-Read Version**

9 But you are his chosen people, the King's priests. You are a holy nation, people who belong to God. He chose you to tell about the wonderful things he has done. He brought you out of the darkness of sin into his wonderful light.

## **New American Standard Bible**

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

## **New Living Translation**

9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.