

## Romans 12 New King James Version

### Living Sacrifices to God

**12** I beseech<sup>[a]</sup> you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your* <sup>[b]</sup>reasonable service.

**2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### Serve God with Spiritual Gifts

**3** For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. **4** For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, **5** so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. **6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; **7** or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; **8** he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

### Behave Like a Christian

**9** *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. **10** *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; **11** not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; **12** rejoicing in hope, patient<sup>[c]</sup> in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; **13** distributing to the needs of the saints, given<sup>[d]</sup> to hospitality.

**14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. **16** Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

**17** Repay no one evil for evil. Have<sup>[e]</sup> regard for good things in the sight of all men. **18** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Beloved, do

not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;  
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### Footnotes

- a. [Romans 12:1](#) *urge*
- b. [Romans 12:1](#) *rational*
- c. [Romans 12:12](#) *persevering*
- d. [Romans 12:13](#) Lit. *pursuing*
- e. [Romans 12:17](#) Or *Provide good*

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