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LOVING GOD WITH OUR MINDS AND BODIES

Romans 12:1-2

Passage in a Sentence: When, by God's mercies, our minds are captivated by Christ, then our bodies will be yielded to His purposes.

- I. BY GOD'S MERCIES, WE ARE TO OFFER OUR BODIES AND LIVES TO GOD EACH DAY. (12:1)
 - a. The Gospel community shows that Christ is our greatest treasure by how we use our bodies.
 - b. Every day and all throughout the day, we are to present our bodies to God.
 - c. Why should we present our bodies to God?
 - i. "This is you spiritual, sensible, logical worship" (see 1 Cor. 6:20)
 - d. How do we present our bodies to God?
 - i. As a living sacrifice, made holy and acceptable by Christ.
 - ii. We are to present the members of our body to God as instruments/weapons of righteousness (see Rom. 6:13).
 - e. Ultimately, what we do with our bodies is tied to what we are thinking with our minds.
 - i. Again, a mind captivated by Christ produces a body yielded to His purposes.

- II. BY GOD'S MERCIES, OUR MINDS ARE NOT CONFORMED TO THE WORLD BUT ARE TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S SPIRIT AND WORD. (12:2)
 - a. Without transforming grace, we will not get past the first two words: "Do not."
 - b. Every do not from God is for our best and every do is too!
 - c. What does it mean to be conformed?
 - i. Being squeezed into a pattern.
 - ii. World = aion = age – the present sinful age.
 - iii. Boice: Do not let the age in which you live force you into its scheme of thinking and behaving.
 - iv. We need constant vigilance, because the world will always try to get us to conform to its way of doing things.



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- d. Our mind is to be transformed.
 - i. Transformation is a process not an instantaneous event.
 - ii. Transformation happens to us and not by us.
 - e. How are we transformed?
 - i. God's Spirit uses God's Word in our lives.
- III. BY GOD'S MERCIES, WE ARE TRANSFORMED TO KNOW AND DO GOD'S WILL. (12:2)
- a. The purpose of transformation is so that you can discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
 - b. Thinking like Jesus means approving what He approves and despising what He despises.
 - c. The more we know the Word, the more we will know His will and the more our responses will be biblical in each situation.
 - d. When we are transformed:
 - i. We will know what He wants.
 - ii. We will do what He wants.
 - iii. We will want to do what He wants.
 - e. We love God with our minds (Matt. 22:37) when we:
 - i. Set our minds on things above (Col. 3:2)
 - ii. Prepare our minds for action (1 Pet. 1:13)
 - iii. Pray and sing with our minds (1 Cor. 14:15)