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WORSHIP WITH GRATITUDE



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Romans 1:25 (NIV) They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator...



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Romans 2:5 (NIV) But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.



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Romans 3:23 (NIV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



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Romans 4:16 (NIV) Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring--not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.



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Romans 5:1-2 (NIV) ¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.



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"Spiritual" - *right, proper, logical, reasonable*

"worship" - *that to which a man gives his whole life."*

"Real worship is the offering of everyday life to him, not something transacted in a church, but something which sees the whole world as the temple of the living God."

William Barclay



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I. BY PRESENTING AN OFFERING v. 1

Romans 12:1 (NIV) 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.



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I. BY PRESENTING AN OFFERING v. 1

Romans 6:13 (NIV) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.



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I. BY PRESENTING AN OFFERING v. 1

Romans 6:19 (NIV) I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.



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I. BY PRESENTING AN OFFERING v. 1

Exploring Christian Holiness – ***“The call to consecration is a sharp, decisive imperative-the aorist form of the verb ‘to offer, yield, or present.’ The grammatical form implies an act brought to completion. The results that follow are in the present tense and imply a continuing condition. The completed sacrifice ‘continuously’ lives on.”***



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II. BY ALLOWING YOUR VALUES TO BE TRANSFORMED TO HIS v. 2

Romans 12:2 (NIV) 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.



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II. BY ALLOWING YOUR VALUES TO BE TRANSFORMED TO HIS v. 2

A. By not “conforming”

Erdman says, “”The phrase ‘this world’, or ‘age’, pictures the sphere or form of life from which God is excluded, the spirit of which is selfishness, the prince which is satan.”



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II. BY ALLOWING YOUR VALUES TO BE TRANSFORMED TO HIS v. 2

A. By not “conforming”

Ephesians 5:8-10 (NIV) ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord.



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II. BY ALLOWING YOUR VALUES TO BE TRANSFORMED TO HIS v. 2

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Life Application Bible - Our refusal to conform to this world's values, however, must go even deeper than the level of behavior and customs it must be firmly planted in our minds "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." It is



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possible to avoid most worldly customs and still be proud, covetous, selfish, stubborn, and arrogant. Only when the Holy Spirit renews, reeducates, and redirects our minds are we truly transformed (see 8:5).



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II. BY ALLOWING YOUR VALUES TO BE TRANSFORMED TO HIS v. 2

A. By not “conforming”

Romans 8:5 (NIV) Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.



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II. BY ALLOWING YOUR VALUES TO BE TRANSFORMED TO HIS v. 2

B. By being "transformed"

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV) And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.



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II. BY ALLOWING YOUR VALUES TO BE TRANSFORMED TO HIS v. 2

B. By being "transformed"

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



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**III. BY SERVING OTHERS IN HUMBLE
GRATITUDE vs. 3-8**

A. By Using The Gifts He Gives Us

**(1) realize that all gifts and abilities come from
God;**



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A. By Using The Gifts He Gives Us

**(2) understand that not everyone has the same
gifts;**



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A. By Using The Gifts He Gives Us

(3) know who we are and what we do best;



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**III. BY SERVING OTHERS IN HUMBLE
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A. By Using The Gifts He Gives Us

**(4) dedicate our gifts to God's service and not
to our personal success;**



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**III. BY SERVING OTHERS IN HUMBLE
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A. By Using The Gifts He Gives Us

**(5) be willing to utilize our gifts wholeheartedly,
not holding back anything from God's service.**



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IV. BY LOVING GOD AND OTHERS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART vs. 9-21

1 John 4:19-21 (NIV) ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.



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IV. BY LOVING GOD AND OTHERS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART vs. 9-21

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV) ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.



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**IV. BY LOVING GOD AND OTHERS WITH A
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³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.



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**IV. BY LOVING GOD AND OTHERS WITH A
GRATEFUL HEART vs. 9-21**

"When Christ becomes the center of life then we can present real worship, which is the offering of every moment and every action to God."

William Barclay



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Spiritual Person (Christ-Directed Life)

Jesus is in the life and on the throne. Self is yielding to Jesus.
The person sees Jesus' influence and direction in their life.



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