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## **Stop And Start**

I want to present my entire being to you as an act of worship. I want to live my life in a way that is completely pleasing to you. I want to be able to know and do your will. I want to accomplish your purposes and plans. I don't want my life to miss the mark. I don't want to fall short of doing what you have planned for me to do for you. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom. I want to bring glory to your name. **That's very good.**

How can I know and do your will? How can I live a life that is fully devoted to you? How can I present myself fully to you as an act of worship? **Those are good questions.** Why do you say that? **By asking me your questions you are admitting to me that you need my help.** That's true. Only you can make me able to know and do your will. Only you can help me to live my life fully devoted to you as an act of worship. My own efforts will only result in miserable failure and certain defeat. I desperately need your help to live a life that is pleasing to you. **Yes, you do. By asking me your questions you are also expressing faith that I will hear and answer your prayers. You do believe that there is way that I can and will help you to live a life that is fully devoted and pleasing to me.** Yes, I do. **That is very good.**

**To live your life as a living sacrifice that is fully devoted to me you must do two things.** Just two things? **Yes, just two things.** You have my complete attention. What are these two things? **You must stop letting the world conform you and start letting me transform you.** How is the world trying to conform me? **You tell me.** The world and all that is in it is trying to mold and shape my life so that I think, speak and act like everyone else in the world. The world wants me to adopt all its values, patterns and practices. Everyday my heart and mind and life are being bombarded by everything that the world values. **That's right.** How will I ever be able to be different from the world since I do live in it? **You won't without my help. The only way to stop letting the world conform you is by starting and continuing to let me transform you.** How will you transform me? **My process of transforming you started on the day that you asked me into your life as your Savior and Lord. On that day, I gave you a new heart and a new mind. I made you new in me. But, that was just the beginning. I want to make you new every day. I want to change your heart and transform your mind every day.** How will you do that? **I will use my word to change your heart and transform your mind. Instead of taking in all that the world is throwing at you, you must let my word dwell in you richly. You must meditate on my word day and night. You must come to meet with me in my word. Will you let my word change your heart and transform your mind?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I want a new heart and a new mind. Use your word to change my heart and transform my mind. I want you to give me a new way of thinking so I can know and do your will. Use my entire being, all that I am and hope to be, as a spiritual act of worship. Amen*

**God's Will** *Be Transformed*

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NIV Romans 12:1-2

**God's Will** *Let God Transform You*

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

NLT Romans 12:1-2

**God's Will** *Be Transformed*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

NRSV Romans 12:1-2

**God's Will** *Be Transformed*

I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, *and* beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, 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. Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, *even* the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

AMP Romans 12:1-2

**God's Will** *Be Transformed*

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

NASB Romans 12:1-2

**God's Will** *Be Transformed*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ESV Romans 12:1-2

**God's Will** *Be Transformed*

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. 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.

NKJV Romans 12:1-2

**God's Will** *Changed From The Inside Out*

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**God's Will** *Be A New And Different Person*

And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you.

TLB Romans 12:1-2

**God's Will** *Be Changed Within*

So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship. Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

NCV Romans 12:1-2

# Be Transformed

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**God's Will** – Romans 12:1-2

**In Context:** *Read Romans 12*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I want a new heart and a new mind. Use your word to change my heart and transform my mind. I want you to give me a new way of thinking so I can know and do your will. Use my entire being, all that I am and hope to be, as a spiritual act of worship. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you guarding against your heart and mind and life becoming conformed to this world?  
What does the world use to attempt to conform your heart and mind and life to its values, patterns and practices?

**How are you using your entire being to follow and serve the Lord as a spiritual act of worship?**

Why are you wholeheartedly willing to joyfully love, follow and serve the Lord with your entire being?

**How has the Lord been using His word to change your heart and transform your mind?**

How are you now thinking differently because God has been changing your heart and transforming your mind?

**How is your changed heart and renewed mind making you able to know and do God's will?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to transform your mind and the way you think so that you will be able to know and do His will.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will transform your mind and the way that you think so that you can know and do His will.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is transforming your mind and the way that you think.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you allow God to transform your mind and the way you think so you can know and do His will.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord I will allow God to transform my mind and the way I think so I can know and do your will.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to transform my mind and the way that I think today?*

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