Romans Lesson 22

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INTRODUCTION

- Romans chapter 12 actually begins a new line of thought in this grand book.
- I've known some who believe in the Lord and they want to go to heaven, but they don't really enjoy serving the Lord.

1 Present Your Bodies a Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 6:2–4

- I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- When we understand something about the mercy of God, then there's a desire to want to please the Lord, not just because we have to.
- What that really means is there's total consecration involved in this.
- You are not your own. Therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
- We become dead to sin, but alive to Christ. So we become a living sacrifice.

2 Be Not Conformed but Transformed

Romans 12:2; Proverbs 4:23

- Two important words in Romans 12 and verse 2, conformed and transformed.
- Conform means we follow the pattern. Don't be like the pattern of the world.
- If our thinking is based upon the word of God, if we're filled with the word of God in our hearts, there's going to take a renewing of the mind.
- There are some miserable Christians, because they're still conformed to this world.

3 Not to Think of Himself More Highly

Romans 12:3–8; 1 Corinthians 4:7; Matthew 25:14–30

- Let every man among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think.
- Scripture says we ought to be humble. Every talent or gift comes from God.
- What hast thou that thou didst not receive?
- We must not measure ourselves by ourselves.
- Whatever your function, be diligent, what you do.

4 Let Love Be Without Dissimulation

Romans 12:9–13; 1 John 3:18; 1 Peter 1:22

- If indeed we're consecrated to God, we will be practicing sincere love. And sincere love motivates action.

- Let us love not in word and tongue, but in deed and truth.
- We will abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good.
- Serve heartily as unto the Lord.
- The man who loves the Lord and has sincere love without dissimulation or hypocrisy, is going to be benevolent in spirit.

5 Overcome Evil With Good

Romans 12:14–21; Matthew 5

- Bless them which persecute you, bless and curse not.
- If God gave good to you, seek the welfare even of those who are doing wrong even to you.
- Throughout these last few verses, there's the admonition over and over again that really says, Do not retaliate.
- Be not overcome of evil. Overcome evil with good. You return good for evil.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't let him lead you into the evil, but you lead the evil into your good.**

MY NOTES