

**Belonging to Jesus: “Developing Biblical Life Patterns”  
Romans 12:1-8**

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- (1) “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.
- (2) 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.”

**1. Become \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Romans 12:2 Matthew 17:2; Mark 9:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

**Salvation**

**Past**

“have been saved”  
Ephesians 2:4, 5, 8  
2 Timothy 1:8-9

**Present**

“being saved”  
1 Corinthians 1:18  
2 Corinthians 2:15  
Philippians 2:12

**Future**

“shall be saved”  
Romans 5:9-10  
Romans 13:11  
Hebrews 9:28  
Ephesians 1:13-14

**Sanctification**

**Positional**

2 Peter 1:3-4  
1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11  
Acts 20:32; 26:17-18  
Hebrews 10:10  
Romans 1:7; Philippians 1:1

**Progressive (experiential)**

Colossians 2:6-7; 1:28; 3:10  
1 Thessalonians 4:3  
Hebrews 12:14  
Philippians 3:13-14

**Ultimate**

Ephesians 5:25-27  
1 Thessalonians 2:12-13  
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24  
Philippians 1:6  
Romans 8:29-30

**2. Devote your life as a Christian \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23; Titus 3:5; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16; Colossians 3:10)

**3. Prove in practice that \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Romans 12:2; 1:28; 2:18; Ephesians 5:10; Philippians 1:10; See Romans 14:22)

**“so that you may prove (NIV: “test and approve”) what the will of God is”**

<b>Day by Day in the Word</b>
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“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

**Monday-Tuesday**

- Read Romans 12:1-8 and compare/contrast verse two with 1 Corinthians 9:22 (“I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some”) and 1 Corinthians 10:32-33 (“Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of man, that they may be saved”). How are we not to be conformed and yet become all things to all people? What role does evangelism play in the Corinthian passages?
- For further work, see John 17:15-16; 2 Corinthians 6:17 and 1 Corinthians 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 with 1 Timothy 2:2 and Ephesians 5:6-11. Do you notice two sides? How do we keep these in balance? The answer is found in Romans 12:2.
- Identify an area that you need to stop allowing yourself to be conformed to the world. Identify an individual that you can identify with in order to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them. Ask someone to pray with you for both of these.

**Wednesday-Thursday**

- Read Romans 12:1-8 and let’s spend some time in verse one. How does this verse connect all of life with worship? Check out Romans 6:13, 16, 19 and identify what we are presenting to the Lord. How does this help us understand a “living” sacrifice?
- Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and give glory to your father in heaven.” In what way is the “shining your light” worship? What can you do today to bring glory to God? Do you need to work on your heart, developing a character trait? Do you need to work at loving God with your whole heart? Do you need to work on a behavior? An attitude? Offer yourself to God as a living sacrifice that He might display Himself through you.

**Friday-Saturday**

- Let’s spend some time with the phrase “the will of God.” What is being described in the following verses: Matthew 26:39; Acts 4:27-28; 1 Peter 3:17; Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 16:1, 33; Daniel 4:35. In contrast, what do you find in the following verses: Matthew 7:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:18; 1 John 2:17.
- What do you find in Romans 12:2 regarding the “will of God”? You could paraphrase this verse by Hebrews 5:14 and Philippians 1:9-11. Spend time in 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Identify a principle that you can apply in your life and put it into practice this week.