

## **Romans 12:1 (NLT)**

**<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you...**

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**<sup>1</sup>...Let them be a living and holy sacrifice -  
the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly  
the way to worship Him.**

## **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

**<sup>2</sup> 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...**

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**<sup>2</sup> ...Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

## **1 Peter 1:14 (NIV)**

**<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.**

**Transformed**  
**-NOT-**  
**Conformed**

**Romans 12:2**

In view of your **Sin**, God's **Salvation**, your  
**Sanctification**, God's **Sovereignty**,  
it really is a spiritually **Reasonable** thing  
for you to **OFFER YOURSELF** to Him  
a **Living Sacrifice.**

Expositors

12:1 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.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> 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.

**This WORLD SYSTEM** is designed to **woo**  
**your heart away from God, destroy your**  
**relationships with others,** and lead you  
into **sin that brings condemnation** to your  
heart and **broken fellowship** with your  
**heavenly Father.** Ingram

Stop allowing yourselves to be **MOLDED**  
by the **influences and pressures of this  
present world system.** Stop allowing Satan  
to dupe you, con you, trick you, promise you  
life and love and power through a **seductive  
world system that will only deliver  
disappointment, defeat, depression,  
and make you a **slave to sin.**** Ingram

Do **not** be **CONFORMED** to this world... (ESV)

Don't let the world around you **SQUEEZE** you  
into **its OWN mold**... (JBP)

# We Allow the World to **SQUEEZE** us when we Give in to...

- **ARROGANCE**
- **FEAR** of NOT being in Control
- Believing that what is **VISIBLE** is  
**PERMANENT**

2 Cor. 4:18 (NIV) So we fix our eyes **NOT** on  
what is **SEEN**, but on what is **UNSEEN**.

For **what is seen is temporary**, but what is  
unseen is **ETERNAL**.

**We Allow the World to SQUEEZE us  
when we Give in to...**

➤ **SELFISHNESS**

➤ **Going with the FLOW**

1 Peter 1:14 (NIV)

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**CONFORM** to the **evil desires** you had  
when you lived in ignorance.

# Don't Let Evil Desires **SHAPE**

- how you **THINK**
- how you **SPEAK**
- how you **ACT**

James 4:4 (NIV)

You adulterous people, don't you know  
that friendship with the world is  
**HATRED toward God**? Anyone who  
chooses to be a friend of the world  
becomes an **enemy of God**.

1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for **when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.**

<sup>16</sup> For the **world** offers only a **craving** for **physical pleasure**, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions.  
**These are NOT from the Father,**  
but are **from this world.**

**17 And this world is fading away,  
along with everything that  
people crave...**

If Satan is the god of this world, and if the whole world lies in his power, then the **Believer must RESIST the pressure to CONFORM** morally, intellectually, emotionally, and externally - to Satan's schemes for life. HNTC

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Allow God to completely **change** your  
**inward thinking and outward behavior**  
by **cooperating wholeheartedly**  
moment by moment with the  
**Holy Spirit's renewing process.** Ingram

→ We are in the **PROCESS** of  
being **CONFORMED** to the world  
**-OR-**  
being **TRANSFORMED** by God

# Renewing our **MINDS**... Ingram

➤ is a Call to **LIVE** everyday **AS a Living Sacrifice**

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# Renewing our **MINDS**... Ingram

➤ will **Always** involve a **BATTLE**

**2 Cor. 10:5 (NIV) ...we take **CAPTIVE**  
every thought to make it **OBEDIENT** to Christ.**

# Renewing our **MINDS**... Ingram

➤ is a **Supernatural Work** of the Holy Spirit

Philip. 2:12-13 (NLT) ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, **OBEYING God** with deep reverence and fear. **For God is working IN you**, giving you **the desire** and **the power** to do what pleases Him.

# Renewing our **MINDS**... Ingram

➤ is always about our **Relationship with Jesus**

1 John 1:7 (NIV) But if we walk in the **light**,  
**as He is in the light**, we have **fellowship**  
**with one another**, and the blood of Jesus,  
His Son, purifies us from all sin.

# Through God's WORD our MINDS are...

>**INFORMED**- we learn about God and ourselves

**-THEN-**

>**TRANSFORMED** - as we Learn to Obey God's Word and Surrender our lives to Jesus everyday

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

For the **WORD of God is living and active.**

Sharper than any double-edged sword,  
it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit,  
joints and marrow; **IT judges the thoughts  
and attitudes of the heart.**

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**God's WILL** is what is **GOOD**,  
what is **pleasing** to **God**, **AND** what is  
**perfect** for each believer. LABC

Believers who are being transformed,  
**who seek to do God's WILL,**  
also discover that **what God plans**  
**for them** is **GOOD**, pleasing to God,  
and **perfect for them.** LABC

**God's Will = Unhappiness**

**My Will = Happiness**

God's **WILL** is exactly what you  
would choose **IF** you knew  
all the facts. B. Thrasher

## Knowing God's WILL Requires a...

- **YIELDED** life
- **SEPARATED** life
- **TRANSFORMED** life

Have Thine own way, Lord!

Have Thine own way!

Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

**Mold me and make me after Thy will,**

**While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

When a person chooses to **SACRIFICE**  
his or her **own preferences and desires**  
and **chooses to do the WILL of God**  
instead, that is choosing to be a  
**Living Sacrifice...** HNTC

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**Do not be CONFORMED -**  
by copying the behavior and customs  
of this world

**Be TRANSFORMED -**

by letting God change your thinking  
through His Word

**DISCERN** God's Will -  
by learning what God's Will IS for you