

*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Romans**

*Ch. 12:1*





## POSSIBLE TITLES FOR THIS TEXT



- a. 4 ways you can be successful in your walk with the Lord.
- b. 4 ways you can win your battle with sin.
- c. 4 ways you can truly worship the Lord.
- d. 4 ways you can be pleasing to the Lord.



# TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD MEANS...

- 1) Changing the way you view your life. 12:1
- 2) Changing the way you live your life. 12:1
- 3) Not letting the world mold you to be like it. 12:2a
- 4) Changing the way you think, to be how God thinks. 12:2b

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# ROMANS 12:1-2



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



➤ Change the way you view your life.



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- ✓ “present” (bring)
- ✓ “sacrifice”
- ✓ “acceptable”
- ✓ “worship”



# WHAT ARE WE TO OFFER?

\*Ourselves\*

You are to step forward and, instead of placing an animal on the altar. You place yourself on that altar. Not as something that is to be killed for God but as someone who now LIVES for God!





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# MATT 16:24-25

(MK 8:34; LK 9:23)



“Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.  
“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.



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# THE OFFERING WAS TO BE WITHOUT BLEMISH



Lev. 22:20 “Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you.”

Deut. 15:21 “If it has any defect, such as lameness or blindness, or any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.



# MALACHI 1:7-10

7 “You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, ‘How have we defiled You?’ In that you say, ‘The table of the LORD is to be despised.’

8 “But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?” says the LORD of hosts.

9 “But now will you not entreat God’s favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?” says the LORD of hosts.

10 “Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the LORD of hosts, “nor will I accept an offering from you.”





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# CAIN AND ABEL

GEN. 4:3-7



“So it came about in the course of time that **Cain** brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. **Abel**, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for **Abel** and for his offering; but for **Cain** and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? “If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”



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