

## Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

1 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.

2 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.

## Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

2 Do not conform 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.

Paul makes a distinction between the body and the mind.

The body is described as holy and acceptable to God, but the mind needs to be transformed.

Offering your body to God is your “reasonable service”, “True and proper worship”, Paul strongly urges us to do so.

If you conform to the pattern of this world, you will not be able to understand God's will.

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Paying attention to what the mind is doing,  
reveals what kind of heart you have.

Matthew 15:19 (NKJV)

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts,  
murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false  
witness, blasphemies.

## Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

## Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)

23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

The way you think is what determines whether you are a worldly person or a Godly person.

James 4:8 (NKJV)

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



The body renews itself, but you choose whether or not your mind gets renewed

Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)

15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, **choose for yourselves** this day whom you will serve,