

1. Living sacrifices to God

- a) Romans 12:1, why is total surrender to God and His will for our lives our “reasonable service”?
- b) Romans 12:2, what important lessons can we learn from this counsel of the apostle Paul about personal transformation?

2. Using your spiritual gifts to serve

- a) Romans 12:3–8, how do you discover your spiritual gifts? 1 Corinthians 12:4–11
- b) Romans 12:9–20, love in action
- c) What portion of Paul’s counsel here seems most relevant for your life today?
- d) If we are saved by grace through faith and not by our own works, why does Paul spend some much time speaking about how we should live?
- e) What important lessons can we learn from Paul’s inspired counsel in Romans 12:21?

3. Relating to governing authorities

- a) Romans 13:1–7
- b) What questions arise in your mind as you listen to Paul’s counsel about relating to governing authorities?
- c) How should we respond when our government is clearly transgressing the law of God?
 - i) 1 Timothy 2:1–4
 - ii) Acts 5:27–29

4. Loving one another

- a) Romans 12:9
- b) Romans 13:8–10
- c) How would you respond to a friend who said, “We don’t need to keep the Ten Commandments any more; we just need to love each other”?
- d) Matthew 22:37–39
- e) John 13:34–35
- f) How clearly is the love of Jesus revealed in your interactions with others? How can the love of God flow more freely through us to those around us?

5. Putting on spiritual armor

- a) Romans 13:1–14; Ephesians 6:10–18
- b) Why is it necessary to put off deeds of darkness as part of the process of accepting God’s spiritual protection?
- c) What does Paul mean when he says “put on the Lord Jesus Christ”?
- d) Why is it important to fight our spiritual battle with spiritual weapons rather than the weapons of this world? 2 Corinthians 10:3–5
- e) Share your own experience of spiritual conflict and how God protected you.

