

TRANSFORMED LIVES

Romans 12:1-21
Key Verse 12:1,2

Lesson 12

* A LIVING SACRIFICE (1-2)

1. To what does "therefore" refer? What does he mean by "God's mercy"? What must we do because of God's mercy?
2. What is a living sacrifice? How can we "offer our bodies"? Why is this called a "spiritual act of worship"?
3. What is the pattern of this world? How had we conformed to it in the past? How can we be set free from the pattern of this world?
4. How can we know God's will and live lives that please him? Why is the renewal of the mind essential to a transformed life? How can our minds be renewed?

* SINCERE LOVE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST (3-13)

5. How are we to think of ourselves? of my relationship to other believers? Why can't I keep my faith personal, just between me and God?
6. See verses 3-8. What are the different gifts mentioned here? Why are they given and how are they to be used? What does this paragraph teach us about opportunity and responsibility, and the importance of life together?
7. What is sincere love? Why is hate mentioned as a part of sincere love? What does it mean to "be devoted"? How can we honor others above ourselves?
8. What do verses 11 and 12 teach about how to be a good influence? Why is this important as one reflection of sincere love? What else do these verses teach about practical love?

* CHRISTIANS IN A HOSTILE WORLD (14-21)

9. How should we act toward those who actively try to harm us? Why? (14)What does verse 15 mean? Why is this hard to do?
10. Why is it important for Christians to live in harmony with one another? Why might pride and conceit be a problem for Christians and how can we overcome this?
11. How pervasive is the spirit of revenge in the world? Why? What Is the Lord's command to us about seeking revenge? What can we do to live at peace with everyone? Is it always possible? Why?

12. How can we overcome evil with good?