

**Ephesians 5:17 (ESV)** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

**Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### 1. A Personal Presentation

**Romans 12:1 (ESV)** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**Presentation always comes before revelation.**

**Romans 12:1 (NLT)** And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

**Romans 12:1 (MSG)** So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

### 2. A Powerful Transformation

**Romans 12:2 (ESV)** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Romans 12:2 (Phillips)** Don't let the world around you squeeze you into his own mold.

**Romans 12:2 (The Living Bible)** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world.

**Romans 12:2 (NLT)** 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. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)** For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

### 3. A Purposeful Revelation

**Romans 12:2 (ESV)** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- His will is Profitable

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- **His will is Pleasing**

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- **His will is Perfect**

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**Romans 12:2 (MSG)** Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.