Motivation to be Used by God Rom 12:1-8

The Body of Christ Series

The Body of Christ Has Unity, Diversity & Interdependence

Rom 12:4 For as in <u>one body</u> we have many members, and the members <u>do not all have the same function</u> 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually <u>members one of another.</u>

Rom 12:6 Having **gifts that differ** according to the grace given to us, let us use them:

A LIST Vs 7-8

prophecy ... serving ... teaching ... exhorting ... giving ... leading ... acts of mercy

Three things about God

Rom 12:1(a) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God.

Rom 12:2 - that by testing you may discern what is **the will of God**

Rom 12:3 - the measure of **faith that God has assigned**.

The Mercies of God

- Justification by faith Rom 4
- Peace with God Rom 5
- He demonstrates His love Rom 5
- Saved from God's wrath Rom 5
- Newness of life in baptism 6
- Sin no longer dominates Rom 6
- No condemnation in Christ Rom 8

The Mercies of God

- The Holy Spirit lives in us Rom 8
- Life and Peace in the spirit Rom 8
- Adopted as sons Rom 8
- Promised Future glory Rom 8
- All things work for good Rom 8
- No separation from his love Rom 8
- He shows mercy Rom 9
- Faithful to Israel Rom 11

Paul's appeal based on the Mercies of God

Rom 12:1 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to <u>present your bodies as a living sacrifice</u>, holy and <u>acceptable</u> to God, which is your <u>spiritual worship</u>.

The Will of God

2 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.

The Measure of Faith God Has Assigned

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:

Summary - What is Your Next Step?

1) Do you need to <u>present your body to Him</u>? To become a living sacrifice?

2) Are you being conformed to the world rather than *transformed to discern His will*?

3) Are you aware of the grace of God, simply need to start using it?