

The Bible - Romans 12:1-8 GNT – Good News Translation

So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. ²Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect. ³And because of God's gracious gift to me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking, and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you. ⁴We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. ⁵In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. ⁶So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; ⁷if it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; ⁸if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

1. Live for _____

v 1 above 'Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service.'
Jesus in **Matthew 6:33 GNT** "Be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things."

2. Live _____

v 1c CEV 'a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing.'
Jesus in **John 14:23 GNT** 'Those who love me will obey my teaching.'

3. Live _____

v 2a 'Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world.'
Jesus in **Matthew 5:13 GNT** 'You are like salt for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness..... It has become worthless.'

4. Live _____

v 2b 'let God transform you.'

Jesus in **John 15:5 CEV** "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me."

5. Live for _____

V 2c 'Then you will be able to know the will of God – what is good...'

Romans 12:9b GNT 'Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good.'

& **12:21 GNT** 'Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good.'

Jesus in **Matthew 5:16 GNT** 'In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.'

6. Live _____

V 3 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you should.'

Jesus in **Luke 9:48 CEV** 'Whichever one of you is the most humble is the greatest.'

7. Live _____ – v 4-8

Jesus in **Matthew 16:18 NLT** "I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

Additional Notes: