

**“Insight for Living”  
Romans 12:1-2**

Paul spells out some of the ways our faith and doctrine should be demonstrated in our daily lives. These transitional verses introduce us to the attitudes and actions which should set the Christian apart from the world in which he or she lives.

### **A Call to Commitment**

As we seek to understand Paul’s words, consider these important observations to serve as a guide in our study.

**Note** that those who are addressed are Christians. Paul’s words are a call to action; they are directed toward application. The goal of the Christian’s action is to be pleasing God

**“Renewing of the mind.”** Thinking is the primary activity in verse 3. In fact, all of chapter 12 has to do with the new mindset of the Christian, as a result of the grace of God.

Thus, God created man with the right and responsibility to make important choices for himself. God could have created man so that he would (automatically) do His will, and not have any choice in the matter.

However, God gave to man a free will and the responsibility to choose for himself whether to obey God or not. [Genesis 1:26-31](#),

Being of perfect selfless love, decided sometime in the eternal past that he wanted others (man) to possess the same kind of wonderful existence and righteous character he had always experienced. [Genesis 2:15-20](#)

How do we so quickly get off track? [Proverbs 3:5](#),

How do we get back on track? [2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

Our sacrifice is to be a **“living sacrifice.”** *Death* is involved. We can only live for God as a living sacrifice because we have first died and been raised to new life in Jesus Christ: ([Galatians 2:20](#), [Romans 6:12-13](#))

We should learn how to be content in who we are in the eyes of our God despite what might come up on us. [Habakkuk 1:1-4](#),

The Lords response [Habakkuk 1:6,12](#) . Habakkuk’s response [3:16-19](#)

**Only God can change people** [2 Corinthians 5:17](#), [Proverbs 22:6](#) Prodigal son the father knew best but he let him go!

**Five points we all need to always remember.**

**God is able I am not** [Psalm 86:10](#)

God knows what before us we do not.

God sees the end from the beginning we cannot.

We should let God have His way we should not have ours. Paul, [2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#), [Matthew 26:39](#)

God must be glorified we must not. [1 Corinthians 10:31](#)