



A Living Sacrifice: Romans 12:1

¹ 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. Romans 12:1

...by the MERCIES of God...

- Why should we desire to live life sacrificially? Because of His MERCY TOWARDS US!
- Romans 5:8 ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- In what ways is He merciful to us?

**His death on the cross. His affection towards us. His forgiveness of our sins. The accessibility His Word. His desire for relationship with us.

...present your bodies as a LIVING sacrifice...

- Sacrifice means to give up our wants & desires in light of HIS.
- God isn't asking us to do something He hasn't already done...
- Sacrificial living is laying our life down. Everything is His.

**Our time, our money, our screens, our friends, our family...

..._HOLY_ and acceptable to God...

- What does it mean to be holy?
- It means to be set apart.
- We are no longer our own, if we are in Him.
- Through prayer and reliance on HIM, our thoughts, actions, and words become more like His rather than ours.

...which is your spiritual _WORSHIP_.

- People have always had many ideas about how to worship God.
- Paul says this is the way. Sacrificial Living, in light of the mercies of God.
- What is holding you back from full surrender?

****This is not “second tier” Christianity... this is Christianity. Would you confess your sins before Him? And say “here I am Lord. I am yours... use me how you see fit.”****