

SERMON NOTES (audio/notes are online @ HBChurch.net)



Series: **Transformed by God** Speaker: Jason Robertson
Sermon: **Activating Your Life – Romans 12** Date: 10-14-2018

Romans 12:1 - Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. ³ For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. ⁴ Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, ⁵ in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. ⁶ According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; ⁷ if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; ⁸ if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. ¹³ Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Give careful thought to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. ¹⁸ If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, *Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay*, says the Lord. ²⁰ But *If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head.* ²¹ Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good. (CSB)

➔ True worship is when Christians renew their minds with truth, refuse to be conformed to the lies of this world, and are actively serving God.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- _____ skills accomplish _____ achievements.
- _____ gifts accomplish _____ achievements.
- Spiritual Gifts are evidences of _____ in your life.
- Spiritual Gifts are God being _____ through you to bless others.
- People need you to so _____ God that God's _____ will be released through you to bless them. (Romans 1:11)

God will measure your life by how you used your _____ to actively serve _____ in and through your _____.

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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Please Complete These Question *BEFORE* Arriving at Your Life Group

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you? What was the one big thing that blessed you?

DIGGING DEEPER: 1. Pastor Jason has said two weeks in a row that God does not want us to be ignorant or deceived (dumb or duped!). The Bible repeats this over and over again. For example, consider these verses: Matthew 24:4 • Luke 21:8 • Ephesians 4:18 • Hosea 4:6 • James 1:5 • 1Corinthians 2:7-10 • 1Thessalonians 4:13. What are your favorite verses in the Bible about not being ignorant or deceived? Why?

2. Since God walked in the Garden of Eden searching for Adam and Eve, God's revealed mission in the world has been to "seek and to save the lost" (cf. Genesis 3:8-24; Luke 19:10). God promised Abraham that He would bless many nations (Genesis 22:18). God commanded Israel to evangelize the world; Jesus called them salt of the earth and light of the world (c.f. Genesis 12:1-3; 1 Kings 8:59-60; 2 Chronicles 6:32-33; Isaiah 11:10; 49:1-6; Jeremiah 1:5; 3:17; Matthew 5:13). God's mission of evangelism has continued throughout history, throughout the time of the Biblical Patriarchs, throughout the time of Old Covenant Israel and the Prophets, and continues now in the New Covenant church. God has always gifted His people with supernatural power to accomplish this supernatural mission. Pastor Jason has recognized God's spiritual gift in his life for teaching the Bible and has used that gift since he was a teenager. What spiritual gift have you noticed in your life that God uses to bless others through your life?

3. How are you utilizing your gift in your home church?

4. Some people jump from church to church. Others just merely attend churches but never get involved. How could a person use Romans 12:1-8 to make a strong case for people being faithful to and active in their home church?

APPLICATION: On Oct. 27 our church will host a Car Show and Trunk or Treat to raise funds for the HB Youth Shelter. Our congregation will have a great opportunity that Saturday to welcome hundreds of people to our church campus and share with them the love of Christ. Pray for the event and make plans to get involved.