

What God Desires From Us

Reference: **Romans 12:1-2**

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verse one, “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*”

verse two, “*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*”

In Romans chapter 12, verses 1 and 2, Paul literally provides a hinge point or connection between the first part of Romans, chapters 1-11 and the second part of Romans, chapters 12-16. Chapters 1-11 describe all that God has **done for us** through _____, and chapters 12-16 describes all that God desires **us to do** through _____.

BIG IDEA: God desires that we offer ourselves to Him as a _____ and that sacrifice involves two basic parts:

One – We are to sacrifice our _____.

verse one, “*I beseech you therefore, brethren (fellow believers), by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies...***”

- God desires our sacrifice to be a _____ sacrifice.
verse one, “... *that you present your bodies a **living sacrifice...***”
Reference: **Romans 6:11** (see screen)
- God desires our sacrifice to be a _____ sacrifice.
verse one, “...*that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, **holy...***”
The word “*holy*” means “_____”. Paul is encouraging his readers to practice holiness. Holiness means to set our bodies apart from sin and set apart for God alone.
- God desires our sacrifice to be an _____ sacrifice.
verse one, “... *that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, **acceptable to God...***”
Reference: **Luke 9:23** (see screen)

verse one, “... *that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your **reasonable service.***”

Two- We are to sacrifice our _____.

verse two, “*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*”

Reference: **Romans 7:23** (see screen)

- God desires _____ minds.
verse two, “*And do **not be conformed** to this world...*”
- God desires _____ minds.
verse two, “*...but **be transformed** ...*”
Reference: **Matthew 17:1-2** (see screen)
- God desires _____ minds.
verse two, “*... by the **renewing of your mind**...*”
Reference: **Romans 15:4** (see screen)

verse two, “*... that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*”

CORPORAL JASON L. DUNHAM
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for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader, 4th Platoon, Company K, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines (Reinforced), Regimental Combat Team 7, First Marine Division (Reinforced), on 14 April 2004.

Corporal Dunham's squad was conducting a reconnaissance mission in the town of Karabilah, Iraq, when they heard rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire erupt approximately two kilometers to the west. Corporal Dunham led his Combined Anti-Armor Team towards the engagement to provide fire support to their Battalion Commander's convoy, which had been ambushed as it was traveling to Camp Husaybah. As Corporal Dunham and his Marines advanced, they quickly began to receive enemy fire. Corporal Dunham ordered his squad to dismount their vehicles and led one of his fire teams on foot several blocks south of the ambushed convoy. Discovering seven Iraqi vehicles in a column attempting to depart, Corporal Dunham and his team stopped the vehicles to search them for weapons. As they approached the vehicles, an insurgent leaped out and attacked Corporal Dunham. Corporal Dunham wrestled the insurgent to the ground and in the ensuing struggle saw the insurgent release a grenade. Corporal Dunham immediately alerted his fellow Marines to the threat. Aware of the imminent danger and without hesitation, Corporal Dunham covered the grenade with his helmet and body, bearing the brunt of the explosion and shielding his Marines from the blast. In an ultimate and selfless act of bravery in which he was mortally wounded, he saved the lives of at least two fellow Marines. By his undaunted courage, intrepid fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty, Corporal Dunham gallantly gave his life for his country, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.