

HOW DO I GIVE GOD WHAT HE WANTS MOST?

Q1 of *The Profile of an Authentic Disciple*

Romans 12:1

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- ✚ Romans chapters 1-11 reveal God and His gracious plan:
 - ✓ We are confronted by the wrath of God. 1:18 - 3:20
 - ✓ We learn of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. 3:21 - 5:21
 - ✓ We encounter God's faithfulness. 6:1 - 8:39
 - ✓ We gaze into God's unsearchable, sovereign ways. 9:1 - 11:36

- ✚ Romans contains no less than three statements epic in character, each of which punctuates a pivotal moment in the life of each believer.
 - ✓ First, there is the moment when a person receives God's gift of grace through faith. Romans 5:1
 - ✓ Second, there is the time when that individual discovers that his or her eternal destiny is secure. Romans 8:1-2
 - ✓ Third, there is the pivotal moment that a believer stands at the intersection of grace from heaven and grace to others, when we are confronted with a compelling call to consecration and transformation. Romans 12:1-2

- ✚ At least five significant questions are answered in Romans 12 that help shape the profile of an authentic disciple.
 - ✓ Q1: How do I give God what He wants most? 12:1
 - ✓ Q2: How do I get God's best for my life? 12:2
 - ✓ Q3: How do I come to grips with the real me? 12:3-8
 - ✓ Q4: How do I experience authentic community? 12:9-13
 - ✓ Q5: How do I overcome the evil aimed at me? 12:14-21

✚ How do I give God what He wants most?

I. The Core.

- A. It is in Response to an _____.
"Therefore, brother and sisters"
- B. It is the Response of _____.
"in view of the mercies of God"
- C. It is in Response to an _____.
"I urge you"

II. The Characteristics.

- A. It is _____.
"to present"
- B. It is _____.
"your bodies"
- C. It is _____.
"as a living sacrifice"
- D. It is _____.
"holy and pleasing to God"
- E. It is _____.
"this is your ... worship"
- F. It is _____.
"true [worship]" (logical, rational, spiritual)