

# Our Reasonable Service

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Introduction:

1. Romans 12:1
2. 1 Peter 2:5 — Spiritual sacrifice
3. Heb. 9:26-28 — Christ sacrificed all for us... our service is reasonable

Discussion:

## I. Be Transformed

- A. **Rom. 12:2** - transformed by the renewing of our mind
- B. Don't be like the world! —> STAND OUT!
- C. **Eph. 4:20-24** — put off the old man and his deeds, put on the new man
- D. **1 Pt. 4:3-4** - they think it strange

## II. Be Humble

- A. Romans 12:3 - not to think of self more highly
- B. Luke 14:11 - whoever exalts himself will be humbled (put down)

## III. Be Useful

- A. **Romans 12:4-8** — We all have different gifts, all are important
- B. // **1 Cor. 12:12-31** — all parts are valuable
- C. Eph. 4:16 - every joint supplies

## IV. Be Genuine

- A. Romans 12:9 - Love WITHOUT HYPOCRISY (the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs which one's behavior does not conform)
- B. Matt. 6:2-5 - hypocrisy has its reward.

## V. Be Loving

- A. Romans 12:10
- B. 1 Thess. 4:9-10
- C. Love as Christ loved us - Jn. 13:35;
- D. Let it continue - Heb. 13:1

## VI. Be Zealous

- A. Romans 12:11
- B. Prov. 21:25; Eccl. 9:10
- C. Prov. 23:17

## VII. Be Prayerful

- A. Romans 12:12
- B. Parable of the persistent widow.. that men ought always to pray and not lose heart - Lk. 18:1

## VIII. Be Generous and Hospitable

- A. Romans 12:13
- B. Heb. 13:16;
- C. 1 Pt. 4:9 - hospitable without grumbling

## IX. Be Forgiving

- A. Romans 12:14,17 - forgive and bless your enemies
- B. Matt. 5:10, 39 - forgive/bless & turn other cheek
- C. 1 Pt. 3:9

**X. Be Compassionate**

- A. Romans 12:15
- B. 1 Cor. 12:25-26 - same care one for another

**XI. Be 'Down to Earth'**

- A. Romans 12:16
- B. Be like Christ our example - Phil. 2:5-8

**XII. Be Peaceable**

- A. Romans 12:18 - if possible, as much as depends on us
- B. Don't seek vengeance, give place to wrath - Rom. 12:19
- C. Overcome evil with good - Rom. 12:20-21

Conclusion:

1. NEVER think that any of my service unto God is anything but reasonable!!
2. My reasonable service includes: [list points]
3. God's commandments are not burdensome - 1 Jn. 5:3
4. God's plan of salvation is reasonable!