

THINK ON
THESE
THINGS

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Present Your Bodies
A Living Sacrifice



THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Rom. 12:1

- **The Beginning of the Conclusion**

- **All Are Under Sin**

1:1–3:20

- **Justified by Faith**

3:21–5:5

- **God's Grace/Our Responsibility**

5:6–7:6

- **Futility Outside Christ/Hope IN Christ**

7:7–8:39

- **Jews' Rejection/Gentiles Brought In**

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THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Rom. 12:1

- **The Plea Paul Makes**
 - **Present Your Bodies A Living Sacrifice**
 - **Living Sacrifices**
 - **Be Holy**
 - **Acceptable to God**
 - **A Reasonable Expectation**



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **God Demands Our All**

- **Not Just One Part of Us**

Rom. 8:5; John 4:24; Rom. 6:13

- **As It Has Always Been**

Deut. 4:5; Hosea 10:2



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **Service is by Choice**

- **You Present Your Bodies”**

cf. Romans 12:1

- **The Basic Principle: “Whoever”**

Matt. 10:32; Acts 10:35; Rom. 10:13; 1st John 5:1



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **Service is Sacrifice**

- **So Equated Here**

cf. Romans 12:1

- **The Servant Principle**

Romans 1:1



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **God Demands a Certain Quality**

- **“Acceptable to God”**

Lev. 19:2; Mal. 1:7-13; Heb. 12:28

- **Our Aim, As Disciples**

2nd Corinthians 5:9; Leviticus 1:9



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **I Must Make Certain Sacrifices**

- **I Must Give Up**

Titus 2:12; Col. 3:5-10

- **I Must Give My Best**

Leviticus 1:3; 2nd Samuel 24:21-24



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **I Must Seek to Please God, Not Self**

- **I Am His Servant**

Luke 17:10; Matthew 10:24, 25

- **Thus, A Servant to All**

1st Co. 9:19; 2nd Cor. 12:15



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **I Must Live A Life of Holiness**

- **If I Seek His Acceptance**

Exodus 29:37; 30:29; Leviticus 10:3

- **If I Want to See Him**

Hebrews 12:14



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **I Must Acknowledge This As 'Reasonable'**
 - **God Does Not Demand Too Much**
1st John 5:3; Matthew 11:30
 - **Serving God is Reasonable**
Acts 26:25

