

Transformed!

"Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:2

The transforming power of God is available right now to change us and conform us into His very image. However, it is not automatic! Transformation begins as our minds are renewed to God's way of living. But the renewing process will never begin until we present our bodies to God as a living sacrifice. We cannot quote verse two while ignoring verse one! Every day, present your body and all that you are to God's purposes.

Notice the Word of God says to present your body, not your mind or spirit. Willfully presenting your body to God on a daily basis does something greater; it awakens you to the life of God already given to you through Jesus Christ. Notice in Romans 12:1 that God calls your body holy and acceptable. So, the transformation we desire to see begins at this point of presentation. Many think presenting your body is the end result. Not at all! It is only the beginning. It is where the battle actually begins! Your flesh will go to war against the purposes of God. Just determine in advance that you will not stop presenting your body as a living sacrifice until victory has been won! The life of God within will lead you but He will never prevent the flesh from having its way. That's your job! Quit asking the Holy Spirit to do what is required of you.

1 Thessalonians 4:4 states, "*that you should know how to possess [your] own vessel in sanctification and honor.*" In other words, we have the responsibility and the ability to learn to control the flesh, allowing the life of God to rule in its place. When a person declares "Jesus is Lord!" it is still one's own responsibility to surrender the power of the flesh over to God so that His Lordship can become a reality in our lives. This is the power of transformation. With God's help through the Word of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit what may have been impossible to you on your own will begin to happen!

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