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ROMANS 12:1-2

A PLEASING LIVING SACRIFICE

“ Lord I offer my life to You
Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory
Lord I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You
As a pleasing sacrifice”

This song might be very familiar to most of us. It tells about offering our lives to be used by God as a pleasing sacrifice that glorifies His name.

It means, in the way we talk and act, how we treat our bodies, how we treat other people, the way we dress ourselves, what we watch, what we read and in whatever we do, we'll make sure to strive to bring glory to God. It also means we give up our sinful ways of life or bad habits. It is about living a life of worship for God.

With the help from the Holy Spirit, we will be able to transform our lives by the renewing of our minds and living according to God's will.

Key verse:

*Romans 12:1
Since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to Him.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I want my life to be a pleasing living sacrifice to You.
Amen.*





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ROMANS 13:1-5

THE RULERS FROM GOD

A ruler means a person who rules or governs. At home, the people who rule are your parents, while at school they are your principal and teachers. Their main purpose is to help and guide you to do the right things in life.

The Bible says, "All of you must obey the government rulers. No one rules unless God has given him the power to rule. And no one rules now without that power from God. So if anyone is against the government, he is really against what God has commanded. And so he brings punishment on himself."

Other examples of rulers are the police, the ministers, the prime minister and the president.

God has given them the power to rule to make sure we are safe and we live well. Their main job is to ensure the good of the people they govern. Let's honour and pray for the rulers that God has placed in our lives!

Key verse:

*Romans 13:4a
Rulers are God's servants to help you.*

Prayer

Dear God, I bless all the rulers that You have put in my life, including my parents and all my teachers! May You always guide them with Your wisdom. Amen.





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ROMANS 14:19-23

PURSUING PEACE

The older you grow, the more people you will meet. You might have realised that we cannot always see eye to eye with everyone. This is normal as we live in a society with many different types of people.

Paul says that we must make every effort to do what leads to peace. This can be done if we always treat others the way we want them to treat us. Be understanding towards others. Don't be judgmental. Encourage one another instead of tearing each other down with our actions and words.

It feels good to live in peace and harmony. We don't have to always agree with what others think, however, we should do our parts to bring and pursue peace. Then, we will be able to enjoy our lives.

Key verse:

*Romans 14:19
So let's try
as hard as
we can to do
what will bring
peace. Let's do
whatever will
help each other
grow stronger in
faith.*

Prayer

*Dear God, help
me to put aside
my pride and ego,
and to do what
will bring peace.
Amen*





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1 COR 1:25-31

GOD IS THE STRONGEST AND WISEST

In this Bible reading, Paul described two groups of people.

The first one is the well-educated, powerful people who refuse the message of Jesus' cross. They see Jesus' sacrifice as foolishness. They rely on their own intelligence and understanding while ignoring God's words. They think that they are wise while as a matter of fact they are perishing in their own arrogance.

The next group is the people who are called by God and respond to that calling. Not many of them are wise according to human standards. However, they rely on God's wisdom rather than on their own understanding. They humbly acknowledge Jesus in every step of their lives. God choose them to shame the wise and the strong.

Jesus gives us His wisdom to replace our foolishness.
Jesus gives us His strength to replace our weakness.

Key verse:

*1 Corinthians 1:25
Even the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom. Even the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus,
give me wisdom to always understand the meaning of Your sacrifice on the cross. I want to acknowledge You in every step of my life. Amen.*





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1 COR 2:6-12

MORE THAN I EVER EXPECTED!

Have you ever received a gift that was more than what you expected? You asked for a new pencil but your parents gave you a new pencil case with a full set of stationery inside! You must be surprised and thrilled.

God loves to give us surprises. As we walk daily with Jesus, we will gradually look at things from His point of view.

The wisdom of God is higher, greater and more wonderful than anything. What God has prepared for us who love Him is more than what our eyes have seen, our ears have heard or our hearts have ever imagined.

Pray to God that He turns our way of seeing things to be in accordance to His way, His thought and His desire. His design for our future is greater than what our eyes have seen and our ears have heard. Be ready for all the surprises that He has in store for you!

Key verse:

*1 Corinthians 2:9
No one has ever seen, no one has ever heard, no one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.*

Prayer

*Dear God, help me to see things from Your point of view. I fully trust in Your mighty power. Your plan for me is greater than what I could ever imagine.
Amen.*





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1 COR 3:16-17

I AM THE TEMPLE OF GOD!

In the Old Testament, the temple of God was a holy place where only the chosen ones could go inside to pray to God. The temple of God was the place where God dwelled. That was where His presence was.

When Paul said that we are the temple of God, it means God dwells and lives in us. It also means we are a holy place. We must take care of our body, spirit and mentality properly. God lives in us so that our lives should show and shine His holiness.

Taking care of our body means exercising regularly, getting enough sleep and eating healthy food.

Taking care of our spirit means reading, meditating and doing God's words. Spend more time in praying, worshipping and praising God.

Taking care of our mentality means getting rid of all the bad habits that destroy ourselves. Spend time with your family. Keep your friendship in a healthy way. Always think positive, be thankful and joyful.

God has chosen to live in our body. Let's take care of it with so much love.

Key verse:

*1 Corinthians 3:16
You should know that you yourselves are God's temple. God's Spirit lives in you.*

Prayer

Dear God, I want to keep my body, mind and spirit pure. Use this temple of Yours to glorify Your name. Amen.





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1 COR 6:1-11

A BEAUTIFUL TRANSFORMATION!

We wash our hands when they get dirty. Your mum does the laundry to ensure the dirty clothes are cleansed from dirt and stain. We wash our fruits before eating them. We make sure that everything we eat or wear is clean.

We are also washed by God to ensure we are cleansed from sins. This process involves our mind, heart and the way we live.

As people who have been cleansed and justified, this is how we should live:

1. Live in peace with one another. However, when there is a dispute or disagreement, we should try to solve it as fellow believers. We can ask our trusted leaders or friends to help us. Do not ask for help from people who will make the conflict even worse. (verse 1)
2. Love one another. Forgive those who have wronged us and do not treat others badly. (verse 7)
3. Get rid of all the sinful ways of life. Live in righteousness as people who have been washed, sanctified and justified in the name of Jesus. (verses 9-10)

Such a beautiful transformation that Jesus has made in us. Let's be thankful every single day!

Key verse:

1 Corinthians 6:11

You were washed clean, you were made holy, and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the amazing grace and the beautiful transformation you have made in my life. Amen.

