
Key Christian Passages

Romans 12:9-21 - Body + Mind + Gifts: Describing What Results

1. My body is for God's use (12:1)

- Prodding – *"I beseech you"*
- Premise – *"therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God"*
- Presentation – *"that you present your bodies a living sacrifice"*
- Parameters – *"holy, acceptable to God"*
- Payment – *"which is your reasonable service"*

2. My mind is for God's filling / influence (12:2)

- Prohibition – *"and do not be conformed to [the blueprint of] this age"*
- Practice – *"but be transformed"*
- Process – *"by the [complete] renewing of the mind"*
- Purpose – *"that you may prove what is the will of God"*
- Principles – *"good, and acceptable, and perfect"*

3. My gifts are for serving God's people (12:3-8)

- Be Thinking Rightly About Yourself (think soberly, not "superly")
- Be Thinking Rightly About Your Church Body (we're part of each other, and we need each other)
- Serve Actively as Different Parts of the Body (gifts are for serving)

4. What Does All of These Added Together LOOK Like? (B + M + G = ?)

"define" – what a term means

"describe" – what a term looks like

- a) ACTIVE, not PASSIVE
- b) AGGRESSIVE, not LAZY
- c) ALL-ENCOMPASSING, not COMPARTMENTALIZED
- d) ONGOING, not OCCASIONAL or STATIC
- e) Involves our Attitudes (How We Think)
- f) Involves our Actions (What We Do)
- g) Involves our Associations (Who We Relate To)
- h) Involves our Aims (What We Shoot For)
- i) Involves our Approaches (How We Do Things)