

Read: Romans 12:1-2

Day 2

“A Call to Lay it All on The Line!”

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect Will of God. -Romans 12:1-2

Insight Into The Word: A Sacrifice on the Altar

The motive for dedication is love; Paul does not say, “I command you” but “I *beseech* you, because of what God has already done for you.” We do not serve Christ in order to receive His mercies, because we already have them (Romans 3:21–8:39). Instead, we serve Him *out of love and appreciation*.

That being said, true Christian service and living must begin with *personal dedication* to The LORD. However, the Christian who fails in life is the one who has first failed at the altar, refusing to surrender completely to Christ.

True dedication is the **presenting** of **body, mind, and Will to God** day by day:

1. It is daily yielding the body to Him, having the mind renewed by the Word, and surrendering the will through prayer and obedience.
2. And **do not be conformed** to this **world**, but be **transformed** by the **renewing** of your **mind**, that you **may prove** what is that **good** and **acceptable** and **perfect** will of God.

Thoughts to Ponder:

How is your sacrifice at the altar?

Are you surrendering yourself and your desires completely to Christ?