

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Other People
Romans 12:1-21

I. A Living Sacrifice (Rom 12:1-2)

A. Acceptable and Reasonable (vs. 1)

1. Do you desire to fulfill your greatest potential? How could it be limited to just your own personal gratification?
2. Christ died so that we could be better than we are. Isn't it reasonable for Him to expect us to embrace being better?

B. Transformed, not conformed (vs. 2)

1. Conforming to things
 - a. Fitting in, status quo, even rebellion is just the antithesis of normal.
 - b. Fear of rejection or even reaching your full potential afraid that it won't be enough
2. Being Transformed
 - a. Improving who you are
 - b. Renewing- changing habits
3. It is the will of God. It's what He wants from us.

II. Not Better or Worse. Unique (Rom 12:3-8)

A. We all have gifts and value (1 Cor 12:20-26)

1. Some appear greater, but are not
2. Share honor and disappointment

B. Help each other use OUR gifts

III. Consider Others (Rom 12:9-21)

A. Don't Be Fake. Love others (Matt 5:43-48)

1. It's not easy and it's not natural, but it is Christian
2. It's what Jesus did for us (Rom 5:6-8)
 - a. He died for the big dumb jerk that is selfish and cruel
 - b. He died for the those that have hurt the ones you love
 - a. He doesn't want them to be that way and judgement does come
 - b. He offers forgiveness so they can take it (John 3:16)

- c. We should offer forgiveness

B. Overcome Evil with Good

1. Be a friend to others as much as it depends on you
 - a. Be kindly and affectionate. Give them preference.
 - b. Sympathize in good and bad times.
 - c. Don't think of yourself as better than them.
 - d. Live in peace as best you can (Gal 6:9-10)
2. Lessons from My Little Pony
 - a. Seek to find out what drives your enemy
 - a. Past hurt from rejection
 - b. Desire for control
 - b. Turn enemies into friends