

Directed Prayer

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Introduction

I God's Mercy Leads to Transformation

- A. Offer your body as a living sacrifice to God - Eph 2:3-6
 - 1. Holy and pleasing to God - Eph 5:8-10
 - 2. This is your spiritual act of worship - 1 Cor 6:19-20
- B. Don't conform to the world's pattern - Jam 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15-17
- C. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind - Col 3:10-11
 - 1. Enabling you to test what God's will is - Phil 1:9-10
 - 2. Enabling you to approve what God's will is - Eph 5:15-18
 - a. His will is good, pleasing and perfect

II God's Mercy Leads to Humility

- A. Don't think of yourself too highly - Phil 2:3-4; 1 Pet 5:5-6
 - 1. Think of yourself with sober judgment - Gal 6:2-5
 - 2. Think of yourself in accordance with faith - 1 Cor 4:6-7
- B. Recognize the corporate body of Christ
 - 1. There is one body - Eph 4:4-6
 - 2. There are many members - 1 Cor 12:12-27
 - 3. There is corporate responsibility - Rom 12:4-5; Eph 4:15-16

III God's Mercy Leads to Service

- A. We have been given different gifts - 1 Pet 4:10
 - 1. According to God's grace - Eph 4:7-8
- B. We have a responsibility to exercise these gifts
 - 1. Prophecy - 1 Cor 12:10, 28; Eph 4:11
 - 2. Service - 1 Tim 3:8-13
 - 3. Teaching - 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11
 - 4. Encouraging - Heb 10:25
 - 5. Contributing to the needs of others - Rom 12:12-13
 - 6. Leadership - 1 Cor 12:28
 - 7. Showing mercy - James 2:12-13

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