

Unlocking The Mystery Of God's Will
"A Transformed Thought Life"

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"¹And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

1. Transformed thinking about God

- **God is my** _____.

"The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need." Psalm 23:1 (NLT)

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27 (NLT)

- **God is my** _____.

"Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the LORD will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."" Genesis 22:14 (NLT)

"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires." Psalm 37:4 (NLT)

- **God is my** _____.

"... for I am the LORD who heals you." Exodus 15:26 (NLT)

- **God is my** _____.

"And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the Lord is peace")." Judges 6:24a (NLT)

2. Transformed thinking about ourselves

"...but let God transform you into a new person..." Romans 12:2

- **You are a** _____ **person.**

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

- **You are a** _____ **person.**

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!"
Psalm 139:17-18 (NLT)

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3. Transformed thinking of others

⁹“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹²Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. ¹³When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all!” Romans 12:9-16 (NLT)

- _____ others with genuine affection.
“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰Love each other with genuine affection...” vs 9-10
- _____ others above yourself.
“... take delight in honoring each other.” vs. 10
- Show _____ to those in need.
When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. vs. 13
- _____ others
Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them. vs. 14
- _____ with others.
Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep vs. 15
- Be of the _____ as others.
Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all! vs. 16

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Discussion Questions:

1. As you have grown in your relationship with God, how has the way your think about Him changed?
2. Discuss the four names given for God. How have you experienced God in each of these ways?
3. Read Romans 12:2. What was your life like before meeting Jesus? How is it different now that you follow Him? Share your testimony with your group.
4. Is it difficult for you to see yourself as God does? Read slowly Psalm 139:13-18. What does knowing how God views you do for your thinking?
5. Read Romans 12:9-16. God gives us very specific ways to relate to others. Discuss each of them. Are some more difficult for you than others?

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