

Your Unique Plan (Romans 12:1-12)

Need Direction? – Part 3

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Psalm 19:7-8 (NIV) The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Psalm 32:8 (NLT) The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

1. _____ yourself to God

Romans 12:1 (NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

1A. Let God _____ your mind

Romans 12:2a (NIV) Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

1B. Accept God's _____ will

Romans 12:2b (NIV) Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2. Think _____ about yourself

Romans 12:3 (NIV) For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

2A. You are part of Christ's _____

Romans 12:4-5 (NIV) Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

2B. Use the _____ given to you

Romans 12:6-8 (NIV) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

3. Be devoted to the _____

Romans 12:10 (NIV) Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

3A. Serve the Lord _____

Romans 12:11 (NIV) Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

3B. Be filled with _____

Romans 12:12 (NIV) Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

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Intro. What do you think of the statement “God’s will for my life is the best possible life I can live”? Why do some people fight God’s will for their lives?

Psalm 19:7-8 speaks of God’s written word. In what ways do these truths also hold true for God’s unique plan for your life?

According to Psalm 32:8 (NLT), what is God’s promise concerning His unique plan for your life?

Why is God’s unique plan for our lives never to be boring and routine?

1A. How is giving yourself to God the first essential step in living out God’s plan for your life (Romans 12:1)?

1B. Why is renewing our minds important in discerning God’s will (Romans 12:2a)? What do we need to renew our minds from? Give examples.

1C. What does it mean to “test and approve” God’s will (Romans 12:2b)? Why should every believer passionately pursue God’s plans?

1D. What are some practical ways that you can renew your mind?

2A. What are the consequences of thinking of yourself more highly than you ought (Romans 12:3)? What are the results of thinking of yourself less than you ought?

2B. How does recognizing that you are a member of Christ’s body help in having an honest assessment of yourself (Romans 12:4-5)?

2C. Suppose a member of the Christ’s body (the church) does not use his gift for the benefit of the body (Romans 12:6-8). What are the consequences for himself? What are the consequences for the church?

2D. Why do you think that many never use their gifts from God? What are ways that you can discover and utilize your God-given gifts?

3A. What does it practically mean to be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)?

3B. Explain ways that someone can be excited about serving the Lord (Romans 12:11).

3C. Discuss how the commands for believers in Romans 12:12 can help in fulfilling God’s unique plan for our lives.