

"God's Peace for Perplexing Problems: Discerning the Divine"

Romans 12:1-8 September 29, 2015

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Prayer Requests & Opening Prayer

Read verses 1-2.

As a teenager, how did peer pressure affect the way you dressed, acted, or spoke? Did you lean more toward what your parents taught you to do or what your friends told you to do?

How did family, teachers, preachers, and Sunday School teachers affect your behavior? Were there books, magazines, movies, or television shows that influenced how you acted?

How do you most often decide what God's will is for your life? What do these verses tell us to do in order to determine God's will?

What does it mean to be "living sacrifices"?

In what ways do you still tend to conform "to the pattern of this world"?

In what ways do you allow yourself to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind"?

Read verses 3-8

How clear is your sense of the gifts God has given you? What are those gifts? Are any of them included in the list of gifts in verses 6-8?

Are you inclined to "think of yourself more highly than you ought," or are you more likely to put yourself down?

What holds you back from using your gifts more fully? Talk about a time when you best made use of a gift God has given you.

Considering this entire passage, how does God help us determine God's will?

Closing Prayer

Guiding God, lead us into a clear understanding of your plan for our lives. Help us determine your divine direction for us by your Holy Spirit working in our hearts and minds. Teach us to discern the unique gifts through which you bless us to bless others. Then walk with us as we use your gifts to bring transformation to the world. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.