



Giving Ourselves Away

NorthRidge Church

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Truth for Life

For the week of September 9, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Romans 12:1-8

Transforming Truth: A clear view of God’s mercy should compel God’s people to _____ themselves away first to God, then to others.

Observation 1: We give ourselves away to God by _____ to His transformational work. vv.1-2

- _____, acceptable to God.
 - We offer our lives not out of duty but out of _____
- _____ to a new way of thinking.
 - Thinking about life through a _____ reality.
- _____ the will of God.
 - A transformed mind _____ the will of God.

Observation 2: We give ourselves away to others by _____ them within our own giftedness. vv.4-8

- It takes _____ to form one body.
 - _____ be a missing body part.
- Your part in the body of Christ has been given to you by the _____.
 - Discover, develop, and deploy your _____.

An important truth to remember from verse 3:

- _____ is the key to clarity
 - Pride makes one think giving oneself away is _____.

Gospel thread: We give ourselves because God gave _____.

Next Steps

1. _____ yourself to God for salvation through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
2. _____ to the transforming power of God in your life.
3. _____ yourself to others through serving regularly at NorthRidge Church.
4. _____ your life based on truth and sensible judgment, repent of any pride, and get involved in ministry.

1. Have you ever given yourself to a cause? What was that cause? What did you give, or what was required of you to serve or support that cause? Did you benefit from your service or support? If so, how? In light of your experience, what does it mean to “give yourself away”? Consider the terms Commitment and Surrender. Is there a difference? In your experience, was giving yourself to that cause more of a commitment or a surrender of time, energy, resources, etc.?

2. When we consider the task of giving ourselves away, there is always a motive or a reason for “why”? Examine the Scriptures below and list some of the reasons “why”.

Colossians 3:23

Matthew 6:1-4

Proverbs 3:1-6

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Exodus 19:5

Galatians 6:7-9

Were all of the reasons listed above honorable? What are some other reasons that people give themselves to a cause?

3. When an organization seeks people to serve they are looking for a person to use their skillset, what they are good at. God has gifted us so that we might serve Him and serve others within the body of Christ. In so doing, He has gifted us to serve. Read Romans 12:4-8 and identify the gifts mentioned. Have you identified your Spiritual Gifts? If so, how are you using them in the body of Christ?
4. Pastor Don mentioned Sunday that humility is the key to clarity and that pride causes one to think that serving is optional. Agree or disagree? Why or why not? How else does pride get in the way of serving? Have you seen pride be the cause of someone’s stumble or fall away from God? What happened?
5. Here are a few thought provoking questions to consider ...

Why is our motive for serving God crucial? What can happen when our motives are wrong?

Discuss: Is a person who claims to be saved but who won’t give himself totally to God truly saved?

Are certain jobs off limits to one who has given himself totally to God? What guidelines apply?

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 - We offer our lives not out of duty but out of **delight**
- **Transformed** to a new way of thinking.
 - Thinking about life through a **God-centered** reality.
- **Knowing** the will of God.
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- It takes **many parts** to form one body.
 - **Don’t** be a missing body part.
- Your part in the body of Christ has been given to you by the **Lord**.
 - Discover, develop, and deploy your **spiritual gifts**.

An important truth to remember from verse 3:

- **Humility** is the key to clarity
 - Pride makes one think giving oneself away is **optional**.

Gospel thread: We give ourselves because God gave **Himself**.

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