

Notes and Quotes

A FEW THOUGHTS TO HELP US MOVE THROUGH THE STUDY
AND GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

ROMANS 12

“For eleven chapters Paul has been explaining what God in His mercy has done, and will yet do, for repentant sinners. Now he reminds those who have experienced this mercy that the most fitting act of worship by which they can show their thanks is to offer themselves as living sacrifices to God. No longer are they to think and act like non-Christians. Their minds must be changed so that they see issues from a different point of view, God’s point of view. As they learn to think in a more Christian way, they will know God’s will better and their actions will be more pleasing to him.”

– Bridgeway Bible Commentary

“The work of the Holy Ghost first begins in the understanding, and is carried on to the will, affections, and conversation, till there is a change of the whole man into the likeness of God, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness. Thus, to be godly, is to give up ourselves to God.” – Matthew Henry’s Commentary

“The Jews were expressly forbid to offer what was lame, or blind, or in anyway deformed. If offered without any of these defects, it was regarded as holy, that is, appropriately set apart, or consecrated to God. In like manner we are to consecrate to God our best faculties; the vigor of our minds, and talents, and time.”

– Barnes’ Notes on the Bible

“The Apostle understands that our relationships with others are two-way streets. There is only so much that we can do. We cannot change the hearts of other individuals. We cannot force them to like us or give us the benefit of the doubt. Some people will still hate us even if we bend over backwards to show them kindness and mercy. Despite our best efforts, there will be people who will oppose us even when we go the extra mile for them.” – R.C. Sproul