

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Service—the ability to recognize and meet practical needs.

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Teaching—explain the Bible to people.

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Exhortation—emphasizes application of the gospel in a focused & concrete way.

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Contributes—giving time, talent, and treasure to help build up the church.

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Leaders—are entrusted with helping the church to pursuing God's will.

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Mercy—practical activities like feeding the poor, caring for the sick & aging

"If you aren't sure what yours is, start ministering, because God only hits a moving target."

—Dr. Tony Evans