

A Dedicated Life

To Be Like Jesus - Session Three

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Beseech: Plead, urge

By the mercies of God: in view of salvation

Present: yield, consecrate, dedicate

Bodies: whole being including outward man

Living sacrifice: voluntary submission of will

Holy: separated and dedicated

Acceptable unto God: well-pleasing

Reasonable service: logical, intelligent, spiritual worship

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“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold” (Phillips)

“Do not live according to the fashions of the times” (Norlie)

“Stop living in accordance with the customs of this world” (Williams)

Be not conformed: fashioned after, adapted to, molded by

This world: value system; worldly thinking; lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life, (1 John 2:15-17) “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind: new way of thinking, new values.

How do we renew our minds? (Philippians 4:8) “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

Prove the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God: know and obey God’s will.

This is good for us, acceptable to God, and perfect in every way.

How do we dedicate ourselves to God? We think and act according to the will of God. We determine that we are going to be like Jesus. (Philippians 2:5) “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”