

Romans 12:1-2 **Worship & Worldliness**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **Do not conform to the pattern of this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

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*“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as **instruments of wickedness**, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from life to death; and offer the parts of your body to him as **instruments of righteousness.**”*

(Rom.6:13)

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“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”

(1 Cor.6:19,20)

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John Stott
'The Cross of Christ'

“Our body has not only been created by God and will one day be resurrected by him, but it has been bought by Christ’s blood and is indwelt by his Spirit. Thus ***it belongs to God three times over, by creation, redemption and indwelling.*** How then since it does not belong to us, can we misuse it? Instead, we are to honour God with it, by obedience and self-control. Bought by Christ, we have no business to become the slaves of anybody or anything else.”

WORLDLINESS – *Do not conform...* Romans 12:2

The pattern of this world...

*“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its
own mould.” (JB Phillips)*



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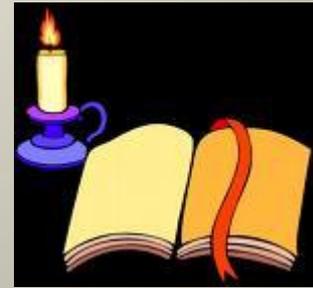
The pattern of this world...

- It's OK as long as you don't get caught
- If you've got it, flaunt it
- Don't worry – everybody does it
- If it feels good do it
- Don't get mad, get even
- You deserve it – you've earned it – you owe it to yourself

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Be transformed...

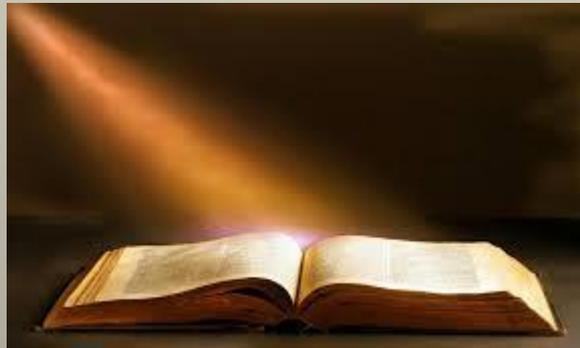
*“examined the Scriptures every day
to see if what Paul said was true.” (Acts 17:11)*



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Be transformed...

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Ps.119:11)



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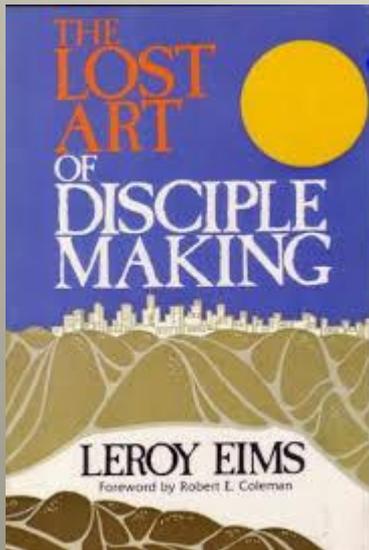
Be transformed...

- what have I learned about God?
- what have I learned about myself?
- what can I take away from this reading today?



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Be transformed...



‘When the Bible is memorized it is available for the Holy Spirit to apply in our lives at any time and in any place.’

(Leroy Eims)

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By the renewal of your mind...

'I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman.' (Job 31:1)

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