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One Body!

Romans 12:3-8

A seminary student once completed a sermon assignment for his preaching class. After turning it in, he stood at his professor's desk while the professor reviewed it. The student finally asked, "Will it do?" The professor replied, "Do what?"

That question forces us to think carefully about purpose.

In Romans 12:1–2, Paul calls believers to daily consecration and transformation through the renewing of the mind. But that raises an important question: What should result from a life that is truly consecrated and transformed?

The word "for" in verse 3 signals a shift to application. Paul moves from the command to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to explaining what that sacrifice looks like in everyday life. **Spiritual dedication is inseparably connected to spiritual service.**

*The purpose of offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices is not mystical or monastic but eminently practical. Devotion to the Lord and active, faithful ministry for Him are inseparable. We cannot be truly sacrificed to Him and be inactive in His work. And, on the other hand, we cannot be truly successful in His work without being genuinely devoted to Him. Service to God brings honor to Him and blessing for us only when it is the outflow of our worship in offering ourselves as living sacrifices. Such commitment naturally and inevitably produces effective ministry. There is no godly commitment without God-blessed ministry, and no God-blessed ministry without godly commitment.*¹

Writing to believers in Rome, Paul describes the church as one body. He uses the same image in 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4:7–16. Every believer is a living part of Christ's body, gifted and responsible for strengthening and building up others. As Warren Wiersbe said, "We belong to each other, we minister to each other, and we need each other."

The evidence of daily consecration and complete transformation is seen in how we relate to and serve other believers.



But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. Ephesians 4:15–16 (NASB95)

Your Attitude Matters (Verse 3)

- Cultivate humility toward one another.
- Recognize and value one another properly.

A transformed mind produces a humble heart. We cannot function as one body if pride governs our relationships.

Your Relationship to the Church Matters (Verses 4–5)

- **Shared Community** – We belong to one another.
- **Shared Commission** – We are united in Christ's mission.
- **Shared Commitment** – We are devoted to the same Lord and purpose.

We are not isolated believers; we are interconnected members of one body.

Your Responsibilities Matter (Verse 6)

- You cannot be committed to Christ and inactive in service.
- True worship is inseparable from faithful service.

Consecration and transformation lead to contribution.



Your Spiritual Gift(s) Matter (Verses 7–8)

(See also 1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 28–30; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 4:10–11)

The word *charismata* means “gracious gift.” These gifts are given by God’s grace for the good of His body.

- Prophecy
- Service
- Teaching
- Exhortation
- Giving
- Leadership
- Mercy

Each gift matters. Each member matters. The body grows as every part functions properly.

Personal Reflection

- How am I serving in ways that help the church multiply and make disciples?
- How am I serving in ways that help the church worship and work for the glory of God?

A consecrated life is not measured merely by intention—but by participation. We are one body in Christ. The question is not simply, “Will it do?” The real question is: **What is it doing?**