

MY PERSONAL RESPONSE

Rom.12:1-21

Continuation of previous thought (11:30-32)

If God has chosen me to be the recipient of His favor, **what then is to be my response?**

MY RESPONSE :1-3

- :1 *by the mercies*—(compassion extended to all): motive for obedience
present—(as acceptable sacrifice) willingly offer. cf. 6:13
bodies— our very lives
living— active, contrasted to dead (not “give in” but “give over”)
holy— set apart unto God
spiritual service—rational, distinguished from merely external, i.e. spiritual
- :2 *not conformed* to world (age)— habits, customs vices of godless people
transformed— new form. Outward actions changed. 1Pe.1:14-15
by renewing of mind—new way of thinking. 1Pe.2:1-2
Effecting spiritual service; producing of “new creature” 2Co.5:17
that you may prove—(explore, investigate, ascertain)
good beneficial, *acceptable* approved by God, *perfect* complete

RESPONSE DETAILED :3-21

- :3 Have right frame of mind.
- :4-8 One “body” with each member’s body engaged in *full* service.
- :9-16 **Personal (inward qualities)**
Love is to be expressed in action. 1Jo.3:18 (No hypocrisy!)
Abhor evil, cleave to good (activity of spirit within).
Devotion to each other; preference in honor. Phi.2:3
Diligent, fervent, serving. 2Ti.2:15
Rejoice in hope (hope is what spurs us on) Tit.1:2
Persevere in tribulation (determined to hang in there no matter what) Rom.8:25
Devoted to prayer (for others as well as self) Jam.5:16
- Inter-personal (outward qualities)**
Help saints in need (seeing it as opportunity—not obligation—to put faith into practice)
Hospitable.
Bless those who persecute, not curse.
Sympathy (feel for) empathy (feel with).
Proper attitude toward others, of self. Eph.4:1-3
- Reaction to improper actions of others.**
- :17-21 No retaliation. (two wrongs do not make one right)
Be at peace with all men, if possible.
No revenge of own. Let God mete out justice.
Overcome evil with good.

MY RESPONSE:

- To His mercy: **gratitude and thanksgiving.**
To His commands: **active obedience.**
To His will: **desire to know it fully.**
To His promises: **hope and confidence.**

The mercies of God should motivate every Christian to have a renewed mind...and motivate every one who is not a Christian to love him and obey Him.