

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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Wanted: ~~Dead~~ or Alive

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Scripture--Romans 12:1

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.

Main Idea--God appeals to Us to Present our Physical Bodies to Him as an Act of Worship

"Brothers..." The women are not left out! The Greek word (adelphos) means brothers and sisters

What God is asking--

- The "present" part--a once-for-all commitment, like a marriage
- The "living sacrifice" part--all OT sacrifices were of the entire animal--God wants us not our money or our time w/o ourselves
- What is our move?

...by the mercies of God...

It is our ... *spiritual (or reasonable) worship.*

Heed the appeal and make a commitment to the One who has committed himself to us

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Application--

- Briefly summarize how God sees your physical body.
- How does God's perspective change how I look at my physical body?
- What is my "next step" ?