

TO KNOW AND DO GOD'S WILL
ROMANS 12:1-8

I. CONSECRATION TO GOD.

- A. BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE (THEREFORE).
 - 1. HE HAS SHOWN MERCY (11:32).
 - 2. HIS MERCY CALLS FOR A RESPONSE.
- B. OFFERING A SACRIFICE.
 - 1. TO GIVE GOD WHAT HAS VALUE (2 SAM. 24:24).
 - A) HOLY.
 - B) PLEASING.
 - 2. WE OFFER OURSELVES.
 - 3. AN ACT OF WORSHIP.
- C. NOT CONFORMING TO THE WORLD'S PATTERNS.
 - 1. SELF-ORIENTED.
 - 2. GODLESS PHILOSOPHY.
 - 3. IRRESPONSIBLE.
- D. BEING TRANSFORMED.
 - 1. MEANS A TOTAL CHANGE (CATERPILLAR TO BUTTERFLY).
 - 2. BY RENEWING THE MIND.
 - A) THINKING A NEW WAY -- GOD'S WAY.
 - B) A RATIONAL DECISION.
- E. ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE GOD'S WILL.
 - 1. TEST -- A RATIONAL EXAMINATION.
 - 2. APPROVE -- AGREE WITH.
 - 3. GOD'S WILL.
 - A) GOOD.
 - B) PLEASING.
 - C) PERFECT.
 - 4. TO DO GOD'S WILL = SERVICE.

IV REALISTIC SELF-EVALUATION.

- A. NOT THINKING OF ONESELF WITH PRIDE.
 - 1. WHATEVER ONE HAS, HE HAS RECEIVED.
 - 2. AS WE SERVE GOD, WE ARE ONLY DOING WHAT WE SHOULD (LK 17:10).
- B. EVALUATING ONESELF HONESTLY.
 - 1. NOT LOWER THAN WE OUGHT.
 - 2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEASURE OF FAITH.
 - A) IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US BY GOD.
 - B) IT IS THE GIFT GIVEN FOR SERVICE.
- C. THE ANALOGY OF THE BODY.
- D. TOOLS FOR SERVICE.
 - 1. EVERY XN HAS GIFTS.
 - 2. XNS HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS.
 - 3. XNS ARE EXPECTED TO USE THEIR GIFTS.