

Outline – LION – Part 3  
Transformed

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L – Living  
I – Intentionally  
O – On Earth  
N – Now

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2 foundational concepts:

- A reasonable response
- Transformation

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Romans 12:1-2

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. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Romans 9:14-16

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

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**It is not man's desire or effort that causes God to be merciful, but His own sovereign choice. God is under no obligation to show mercy or extend grace to anyone. Dr. Constable**

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Present your bodies a sacrifice that is:

Living  
Holy  
Acceptable

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Romans 6:12-14

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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Romans 12:2 a

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**It is very telling that being “conformed” to the present world is viewed as a passive notion, for it may suggest that it happens, in part, subconsciously NET Notes**

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Romans 12:2a

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Titus 3:3-5

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

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Romans 12:2

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**“As a Christian is transformed in his mind and is made more like Christ, he comes to approve and desire God’s will, not his own will for his life. Then he discovers that God’s will is what is good for him, and that it pleases God, and is complete in every way. It is all he needs. But only by renewed spirituality can a believer ascertain, do, and enjoy the will of God.” BKC**

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Renewal of mind leads to a change in how we think

- Humility – considering others better than ourselves
- Loving without hypocrisy
- Hating evil, and clinging to good
- Kind, and compassionate, hopeful
- Patient, harmonious, peaceful
- Forgiving, joyous

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...which leads to a change in how we live

We will:

- Use our God given gifts for the Lords service
- Be hospitable and generous with our resources
- Celebrate the success of others
- Mourn with compassionate hearts the sorrow of others
- Bless those who persecute
- Be peacemakers and harmony seekers
- Be fervent and passionate for the church, and the ministry
- We will be bold, yet humble
- Strong, yet meek
- Passionate and purposeful

Applications:

1. A reasonable response
2. Transformation

**“As our Christian life progresses, we should gradually notice that our thought life is being changed from Christlessness to Christlikeness. Transformation does not happen overnight. Our regeneration is instantaneous, but our transformation is continuous. We are conformed to Christ’s image gradually as we spend time in intimate fellowship with Him.” NIBC**