

## The Heart of the Matter

Lesson 16

Romans 12:1-8

<b>Bible Text</b> <b>New International Version</b>	<b>Observations</b> <b>What does the text say?</b>	<b>Interpretation &amp; Questions</b> <b>What does it mean to all Christians?</b>	<b>Applications</b> <b>What does it mean to me?</b>
<p><b>Romans 12:1-8</b></p> <p><b>A Living Sacrifice</b></p> <p>12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.</p> <p><b>Humble Service in the Body of Christ</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your<sup>[a]</sup> faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,<sup>[b]</sup> do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.</p>			

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<b>Footnotes:</b>  a. Romans 12:6 Or <i>the</i> b. Romans 12:8 Or <i>to provide for others</i>			
<b>Summary:</b>			

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Living Out Our Faith

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### Scriptures:

Micah 6:8

Matt. 25:35-36 and 40

Eph. 4:11-13

### Questions:

How do you love the unlovable? Mourn with those who mourn? Rejoice with those who rejoice? Encourage those who feel hopeless? Give to those who are needy?

What are some specific ways to live out your faith this week?

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Lecture Notes

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