

Romans 12:1-2 • Holiness: Experiencing The Goodness Of Obedience

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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**.

Keys to understanding Romans 12:1-2 - holy, acceptable, worship, conformed, transformed & discerning what is good, pleasing and perfect.

Exodus 12:5 Your lamb shall be **without blemish...**

Malachi 1:8 When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, **is that not evil?** And when you offer those that are lame or sick, **is that not evil?** Present that to your governor; **will he accept you or show you favor?** says the Lord of hosts.

1Peter 1:18 knowing that you were **ransomed from the futile ways** inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

1Peter 1:19 but with the **precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**

Colossians 1:22 **he has now reconciled** in his body of flesh by his death, in order **to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,**

Matthew 23:26 You blind Pharisee! First **clean the inside** of the cup and the plate, **that the outside also may be clean.**

Luke 6:45 The **good** person out of the **good treasure of his heart** produces **good**, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, **for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**

Genesis 1:31 And God saw **everything that he had made**, and **behold, it was very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

James 1:17 Every **good** gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Ephesians 2:1 And **you were dead** in the trespasses and sins

Ephesians 2:2 in which you once walked, **following the course of this world**, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

Ephesians 2:3 among **whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the **great love with which he loved us**,

Ephesians 2:5 **even when** we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved—

Being made alive means: No longer looking for love in all the wrong places.

Psalms 34:8 Oh, **taste and see that the Lord is good!** Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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Romans 12:2 Do not be **conformed** to this (age) **world**, but be **transformed** by the **renewal** of your **mind**, that by (dokimazo) **testing you may discern** what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Discern: dokimazo - **I put to the test, prove, examine; I distinguish by testing, approve after testing.**

2Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord**, are being **transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. **For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

Psalms 73:1 **Truly God is good** to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

Psalms 73:2 But as for me, **my feet had almost stumbled**, my steps had **nearly slipped**.

Psalms 73:3 For **I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity** of the wicked.

Psalms 73:4 For **they have no pangs** until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.

Psalms 73:5 **They are not in trouble** as others are; **they are not stricken** like the rest of mankind.

Psalms 73:6 Therefore **pride** is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.

Psalms 73:7 Their eyes swell out through fatness; their **hearts overflow with follies**.

Psalms 73:8 They **scoff** and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.

Psalms 73:9 They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

Psalms 73:10 Therefore his people turn back to them, and **find no fault in them**.

Psalms 73:11 And they say, "**How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?**"

Psalms 73:12 Behold, these are the wicked; **always at ease**, they increase in riches.

Psalms 73:13 **All in vain have I kept my heart clean** and washed my hands in innocence.

Psalms 73:14 For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning.

Psalms 73:15 If I had said, “I will speak thus,” I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

Psalms 73:16 But when I thought how to understand this, **it seemed to me a wearisome task,**

Psalms 73:17 **until** I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

Psalms 73:18 Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.

Psalms 73:19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!

Psalms 73:20 Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.

Psalms 73:21 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,

Psalms 73:22 I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

Psalms 73:23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you; **you hold my right hand.**

Psalms 73:24 **You guide me with your counsel,** and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Psalms 73:25 **Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.**

Psalms 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, **but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Psalms 73:27 For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

Psalms 73:28 **But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.**

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