**Exploring Romans**

**Lesson 15**

**Challenged and Changed**

Read Romans 12:1-8

 Memory Work: Romans 12:1, 2.

 1.a. The “therefore” refers back to what?

 b. Why the plea?

 c. How important is God’s mercy?

 Romans 9:15 Romans 9:23

 Romans 9:16 Romans 11:30-32

 Romans 9:18

 d. Why are so many people either unaware of God’s mercy or think they don’t need it?

 e. What does it mean to present your body as a living sacrifice? Is this a one time event? Why your

 body?

 f. Why “holy?”

 g. What makes this “acceptable?”

 2.a. The whole Old Testament sacrificial system was designed to c \_ \_ \_ \_ sin.

 b. In contrast, Jesus’ sacrifice r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ sin.

 c. All Old Testament sacrifices were presented \_ \_ \_ \_. Leviticus 1.

 d. From the beginning, what did God desire instead of sacrifices? See I Samuel 15:21-23.

 e. What would obedience prove?

 3.a. Presenting your body as a living sacrifice would be your “reasonable service”. . .why reasonable

 service?

 b. Enlarge on “reasonable.”

 c. Remember, all this is in response to m \_ \_ \_ \_.

 4.a. We are commanded not to be conformed to the world. What does “conformed” mean?

 b. What is the “world?”

Think about c. Make a list of the ways you conform to the world.

 d. How are you not the world?

 e. What Scripture can you think of to help you overcome wanting to be like the world?

f. How could you help a teenager want to not conform to the world?

 5.a. How may a Christian believer be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind?

 II Corinthians 3:18 II Timothy 3:16, 17.

 Ephesians 3:14-21 Psalm 1:1-3

 Ephesians 4: 22-24.

 b. How can you possibly know what is “the good and acceptable and perfect will of God?”

 c. What must happen in order for us to discern and agree with God’s will?

 6.a. Why should we not think “more highly than we ought to think?”

 b. Why soberly?

 7. “God has dealt to each one a measure of faith”. . .does this mean some are given more faith than others? Explain.

 8.a. From verses 5-8, give the list of gifts that God gives.

 b. Compare and contrast this list with I Corinthians12:12-31.

 c. Also see Ephesians 4:11-16. Compare and contrast this also.

 d. Why are gifts necessary? Ephesians 4:12.

Evaluate e. What has God given you?