

Read Romans 12:1 – 8:

1. How would you define your relationship with God?
2. In what way has God shown us mercy? How does Paul want us to respond? Put this in your own words. Can you think of some practical examples?
3. What is the inherent contradiction in the phrase “living sacrifices”? Why is this pleasing to God?
4. What are the things that can influence us as people? What are we to resist? Why?
5. What can we do to help us resist? Why does this make a difference?
6. What do you think Paul is referring to when he speaks of ‘God’s will’?

7. In v3 what do you think Paul has in mind when he speaks of the grace given to him?

8. What danger does he warn us of? Why is this important? Why do you think it is spoken about in the context of spiritual gifts?

Read Romans 12:9 – 21:

9. Paul now turns his attention to our attitude to others. How can this be influenced by our attitude to ourselves?

10. What is our attitude to be? How is this related to our minds being 'transformed' in v2?

11. How are we to react to those who persecute us? Why can this be difficult?

12. Why is our reaction to others so important?

13. How can we practically put into practice the lessons learnt in this passage?