

# Discovering the Will of God

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 11:33-12:2.
- B. Activity without understanding and understanding without activity are both bad.
- C. Man is made for God and is utterly useless without Him.

## II. Paul's argument is to look at God.

- A. We do not have a right to complain about what God has chosen since we have not God. (Job)
- B. As we live things through, we can see something greater at work in God's wisdom.
- C. God uses the very plans designed to defeat Him for His advantage.
- D. The most sensible thing to do is to present one's body as a living sacrifice.

## III. Characteristics of true commitment to God.

- A. It is presenting one's body.
  - 1. Commitment is presenting one's body because people usually commit this part of the body last.
  - 2. This is demonstrated by fulfilling needs instantly that are presented before you.
- B. It is a living sacrifice.
  - 1. Our life is God's by right.
  - 2. The only life that is really life is the life that is utterly given to God.
- C. It is holy and acceptable to God.
  - 1. The only thing that God does to the flesh is crucify it.
  - 2. Our sacrifice is holy because it is Christ in us.
- D. It is spiritual worship.
  - 1. Man was made to worship God.
  - 2. Worship is being what you were made to be and doing what you were made to do.

## IV. True commitment is at work, reasonable, Spirit-empowered and satisfying.

V. The genuine mark of a renewed heart is a transformed mind and a conscious awareness of the Spirit of God.

VI. Where it starts.

A. It starts with your body.

B. Begin to get involved.

**Application questions:**

1. How are we to respond to challenges in our lives based on God's control in the world?

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2. Which characteristic of commitment to God stands out to you? Explain.

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3. What will you begin to do differently as a mark of your present or newfound commitment to God? Be specific.

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