

WANTED - DEAD OR ALIVE  
Rom. 12: 1 & 2

Romans 12. The Book of Romans can be organized into three sections:

DOCTRINAL - first eight chapters. You have the basic doctrines of Xtnity in the first eight chapters of Romans.

NATIONAL - Chapters 9, 10 and 11. That's what I call them - for they deal with the nation of Israel. They are doctrinal but they center around Israel. The Past, Present and Future of the Nation of Israel.

PRACTICAL - Chapters 12 through 16. That is to say you have the application of the Truth of God to practical Xtnliving. You see, the purpose of God is to get us saved and to equip us to live. People have a funny attitude about doctrine. I had a man to say to me recently 'Well, I want to hear the Bible, but I don't want to hear doctrine'. Well, you can't teach the Bible or preach the Bible without presenting doctrine. Now what this man was saying was: I don't want to hear somebody's bigotry views of the Bible. I don't want to hear a bigot talk about his views on baptism, or Xtnity.

But you see, the word 'doctrine' is <sup>simply</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ the word 'teaching' - it's the word d-i-d-a-c-h-e in Greek and it means teaching. The Bible is a Book of teaching or Truth. So, the doctrine is in the first eight chapters and the latter chapters is the application of that doctrine to our lives. The first two verses of Romans 12, are two of the most important ever written. As I teach tonight, please/that you or that the H. S. will speak through me and also speak to your hearts. Because I tell you there's nothing we need more than to understand Romans 12: 1 & 2.

We hear a lot today about burnout. Book after book today is now being written about Burnout! What is Burnout? It's working too long, too much, under too much pressure and people who work with people are especially subject to Burnout. Do you feel that you are about to burn out? That you're about to be exhausted mentally or emotionally or physically? Until you really can't function normally? Well, it is not the amount of work really; it's the reason for which

we work. It's our motive. I think Romans 12: 1 & 2 - and I may preach a whole sermon on this, gives us Gods answer to Burnout. But we might say that we have the keys to triumphant Xtn. living in these two chapters.

About fifteen years ago a brother among us wrote a book called 'Key to Triumphant Living'. In this book he describes the Spirit filled life. Well, this IS the key to triumphant living: is to be filled with the H. S. But in Rom. 12: 1 & 2, you see what we must do IN ORDER to be filled with the H. S. It's a marvelous commentary on the keys to victorious Xtn living. Paul begins by saying in

V. 1 (read) I beseech - now notice, he doesn't say 'I command'. The word 'beseech' is a prayer word. It's an appeal to the heart. Someone has said that as it were God is on His knees, appealing to His people. "I beseech you therefore, brothers, by (or because) of the mercies of God"! Notice he says 'therefore' - looking back. He's been talking about the wonderful mercies of God. How God, in Christ, justified us; how God, in Christ, gave us the H.S.; adopted us; made us joint-heirs with Jes. In view of what God has done for us, Paul says we ought to willingly present our bodies to God as a living sacrifice'.

Notice now he says 'a LIVING sacrifice'. Well, that sounds like a contradiction and humanly speaking, it IS a contradiction. Something that's living and yet something that's a sacrifice. When we sacrifice an animal, we kill that animal and actually, what you have here is one of the greatest teachings of the Word of God. You go in the Post Office and you see signs like this: 'WANTED - Dead or Alive'. Here's a fugitive from justice. God says 'I want you - dead and alive'. Not dead or alive, but dead AND alive. You say, well, how in the world can we be dead and also alive? Well, he is not talking about physical death here. He is talking about Spiritual death.

*Wanted Dead or Alive*  
*Post office: "I want you Dead + Alive."*  
He is talking about death to our will; death to our flesh; death to our old selfish living.

Christ, when He died, conquered this power in our lives and through Him, we are not to obey our own selfish will, but we are to die to that. Until we can present ourselves to God, a LIVING

sacrifice. A living sacrifice! And when we really count ourselves dead to sin and through the victory of the cross, renounce our old selfish life and accept Gods will for our life, then the resurrection life of Jes. will dominate our lives and we will be alive. You see, there has to be a death before there can be a resurrection. So, you have death and resurrection in one person or death and life. Wanted: Dead AND Alive!

*Death leads to results*

The Bible helps us in understanding this: there are two men in the Bible who were living sacrifices; one was Isaac. You remember the story of Isaac? In the 22nd Chap. of Gen., Isaac, willingly, submitted himself to the will of his father, Abraham, and placed himself on the altar to die. Now he did not literally die; a lamb was provided but as far as God was concerned, he died! He died in his will, and his purpose. He says 'Lord, here I am, to do anything You want' and he got off of that altar as a living sacrifice. Isaac was dead to himself and to his schemes for living and he was alive until all that God had for him. Here is a type of death and life, in Isaac.

(2) Jes. did the same thing. Jes. accepted the will of the Father for His life. In Gethsemane, He said 'Lord, I don't want to die. I wish I could bypass this awful death for the sin of the world'. But then He says 'not My will, but Thine be done' and He got on that cross, in accordance with the will of God. But He arose and He's a living sacrifice in Heaven today. We see it in the life of Jes. Now notice he says 'to present our bodies' - you say 'well, he must not mean the physical body'. YES, he does! He means this body right here! You say 'well, I hate to present to God my body. My Spirit is wonderful but ~~my body~~ not my body. My body may be unclean and may have B. O.; maybe it snores - lot of things wrong with my body. Lord, really what You want is my Spirit'. NO, He wants our body!

You see, it's through this body that God does His work. It's foolish for anyone to say 'well, you know my hearts right with God or my Spirit's right with God, but I'm wrong in my body or I sin with my body'. Your body is where you live. Your body is the Temple of the H. S. This very body that we live in, must be offered up to God and you see the word 'present'? That is

*Present -  
adverb*

what we call an aris verb. You know what an aris verb is, don't you? Bro. Wayne? You studied Greek. An aris verb means it's done 'once for all'. It's not something you repeat. In other words, we are once for all to surrender this body to God and say 'God, here's my body for You to use like You want to.' Now here's where many people are missing it today.

You see, before we're saved, we just -- we use and misuse this physical body and there's nothing that distresses me more than to see this happening to so many young people today, as they literally 'blast' their bodies through drugs. When a young person ruins his body through drugs and through alcohol, he is ruined! Oh, it's such a tragedy! When the body is blasted, we are blasted! The body is a part of us that is very, very vital. We are to present this to God to be used for His glory. Not for our own selfish purposes. Not for our pleasure. Not for our sin. Not for sensual gratification.

But this very body is to be used as the Temple where God lives and we are to offer it to God, once and for all! Now you say 'well, we do this. We put this body on the altar for God and yet, it jumps off the altar'. You know in the O. T. they would put the offerings on the altar and the Priest would have to keep them on the altar. They had fleshhooks and those sacrifices would jump off and they'd put them back on. Now we should do it, once and for all, Paul says.

But it's hard to keep ourselves on the altar. How do we do this?

*SM - Flesh Hooks - the W.D. + A.S. + Xtns  
friends (the Church) keeps us on altar*  
Listen, we have got to be eternally vigilant; we have got to hear the Word of God; we need to be in prayer; discipline our lives; we need to be related to a Bible believing body of Xtns and we need to be in the S.S.; to be in the worship services; we need to know Gods people and we need to realize that the devil is trying to destroy our bodies! We've got to keep them on the altar before God. Dead to our own schemes but alive unto God, through JC. He says 'present your bodies unto God, a living sacrifice, Holy - what does that mean - Holy?

*Lev. 27:30*

When you see the word 'Holy' in the Bible that means something that belongs to God. Lev. 27: 30 (read) the tithe is the Lords. It's Holy. The Script. are Holy. The Lords Day is called

Holy, which means it belongs to God. Our bodies belong to God and they're to be set aside for the use of God. Not just for the misuse or the abuse on the part of man but Holy, 'acceptable' (and that means pleasing) unto God'. God will never be pleased until we present that body to Him, a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God. Now he goes on to say

'Which is your reasonable (the word 'reasonable' is the Greek word 'logical' and the word 'service' is 'worship') he says 'reasonable worship is to present your body to the Lord. Dead to your own plans; alive unto Gods will. He says that is logical worship. Logical wor-ship. You say 'well, I thought worship is what we do between 11 and 12 on Sunday'. This is important that we meet from 11 to 12. The person who says 'I don't have to go to church to worship; I'll worship out on the golf course or out in nature'. Well, that's balogne! He doesn't do that.

Just like the person who says 'well, you know I don't have time to ~~XXXX~~ pray; I just pray between my home and my work'. You can forget it - he's not a prayer warrior at all. If you are gonna pray between your home and your job, you gonna have a time to pray. If not, you're not gonna pray much. And there must be a time when we meet with Gods people to worship. I know this. But all of life should be a worship. All of life should be a constant offering of ourselves to God, as a living sacrifice unto the glory of His name.

SM The Roman Catholic church has a teaching that there must be an offering on the altar at all times. There must be an offering going up to God at all times. Well, now, I don't agree with the way they present that offering, but that is a true teaching of the Bible. There ought to be an offering ~~of~~ everlastingly being offered to God by you and me. And it ought to be the offering of this body: dead and alive unto Jes. That's our logical worship. We don't just worship here! Listen, when I go home tonight, if I have presented my body to God, I'm worshipping God!

I leave here and go to Denny's to drink coffee tonight, that should be a worship. Our whole lives should be a worship. There should be a continual sacrifice of ourselves - a worship

going up to a Holy God. Offering ourselves unto God every day that we live. I want to tell you the story of Warren Wisby at the end if I don't forget. If I do, Wayne, just wave your hand and start doing like this and if I don't stop, just start yelling, you know! Because I want to tell about Warren Wisby. How he, this remarkable man, who's writing all these books and pastoring the big church in Chicago and how he approaches this thing of offering the body day by day, unto the Lord.

Now, we say logical service. Is it logical that we ought to offer ourselves to God in view of what He's done for us? There are a hundred and sixty eight hours in a week - suppose I were to say to you, as your pastor 'now, you have got to come to worship on Sun. morning and you've got to come to S. S.; (you've got to give two hours on Sun. morning) and then you've got to come back to the pastors Class and then you have got to come back to the evening Worship. That'd be four hours and then you've GOT to come to Bocv Life on Wednesday evening and that would be five hours.

*168 hrs. in wk.*

Then you have GOT to witness two hours every week and you've got to spend an hour in Bible Study and Prayer. What if I were to make that as a command? What if I preached this morning and I said 'I COMMAND you - you've GOT to do it. If you don't do it, I'm gonna bring action on you. I don't want you in the church'. How do you think that would be received? Well, I don't know what would be said but I DO know some things that would be said. There'd be people say 'well, you know the pastor, he has lost his mind. He is unreasonable! He is UNREASONABLE; there is no logic to what he says. That man is crazy! That man's crazy!'

Listen, you mean to tell me that we cannot give eight hours out of a hundred and sixty eight unto God? We are to give it ALL to God. Really! We're to consecrate certain portions of it unto the Lord especially. But He says the WHOLE thing belongs to Him! ALL of it belongs to Him. Now when we present our bodies unto God like this, I want to tell you something, you will not burn out! Now, I think if anyone is a candidate for Burnout, it would be me. I preach five times on Sunday; I go seven days a week and I've done it for more than thirty years. I have! I think you're my friends; I don't believe you would even believe if I told

you what I did this past week. My staff doesn't even know it. Sometimes, I begin to tell them and they say 'Pastor, we just can't even conceive of this'. Now I'm not complaining; it is a JOY. I can do a lot. I was taught to work, from the time I was ten, eleven and twelve years of age, my father gave me adult responsibilities.

I worked my way through school; I didn't ask ANYBODY for a penny. I was reared on a tobacco farm in EAstern North Carolina, where we worked fourteen months a year! Man, I was brought up to work. I'm a candidate for Burnout! I - there are times in my life that I just have to stop and go to bed for an hour and relax and I could Burnout and you CAN Burnout, but you won't burn out if you live by Rom. 12: 1. If you present your body unto the Lord and say 'Lord, here is my body; I give it to you. I'm not working for myself or my glory. I'm working for YOU, Lord. I'm serving You. I'm glorifying Jes. I have a reason to give my body.'

Listen, there is no LIMIT to what we can do when we give our bodies to the Lord. And we need some rest along the way but if we give our ~~body~~ bodies, God will put in us a purpose and a power that we never of in our lives. It's when we work without purpose or when we work in the flesh or when we work rebellingly and we don't, willingly, give ourselves to the Lord, that we're in trouble. And we're gonna face Burnouts! Now he goes on to give us some help in this.

How are we gonna present our bodies a living sacrifice? After all, this is contrary to this world in which we live. How am I supposed to use my body? I'm just supposed to eat everything I want to; to take vacations in this body and just to live it up and keep it goodlooking; spend a lot of my time painting it and, Ladies, it's alright for you to use a little makeup! I'd be disappointed, if you didn't! Somebody asked Billy Graham - some lady said 'do you believe women should use makeup?' and he said 'yes. AND dear, I think it'll help you, go ahead and get some'!

I'm not down on this, but listen, and men are in this same boat, but listen, we're spending

too much time on this body. Painting them and making them look ~~good~~ beautiful, rather than presenting them to the Lord. Suppose the women in this country spent the time on presenting their bodies to Jes. to be used for Jes. that they spend in the beauty parlors and keeping them pretty on the outside: In order to do what I'm talking about, you and I have got to make some hard decisions and that's in V. 2.

V. 2 (read) 'be not conformed to this <sup>age</sup> world'. If we're gonna present our bodies a living sacrifice, we have got to prevent the world from squeezing us into its way of thinking and ~~into its mold.~~ What does the world say about this body? Use it. Abuse it. Do what you want to with it; it belongs to you. And that's the lie of satan. It doesn't belong to you and me, at all! That's the law of Humanism. That's the law of the abortion movement, in this country. That the Body belongs to us. That the child belongs to the mother. That is not true! This body belongs to God.

It is to be presented to God. To be used of God for His glory. But if we're gonna do this, we must not conform to this world. Literally, this age. What does this mean? You say 'well, I know what this means. You're not supposed to drink; you're not supposed to chew; you're not supposed to dance and if you're really spiritual, you'll sell your television set and you'll probably quit drinking coffee'. My friend, if that is our only understanding of sanctification and of not being conformed to this world, we don't know the first thing about it! I know some people who don't drink; I know some people who don't cuss or dance or may not even who look at television or those things and they are just as worldly as they can be!

This is one of satans tricks to get you to make a list of rules: I don't do this, I don't do this, I don't do that and therefore, I'm not worldly. Some of the most worldly people in the world have NEVER taken a drink of liquor. They would condemn you to death if they saw you in a dance hall and yet, they are worldly to the core. You say 'well, you're not endorsing dancing?' No, I am not and I'm not endorsing liquor, but my friend, this is not the primary meaning of worldliness. What is worldliness? It's seeking self advancement. It's living for ourselves. It's building our own kingdom rather than the Kingdom of God. It's taking this



body and using it and abusing it for our own selfish gratification rather than using it for the Lord, JC and for souls and for the Kingdom of God! And it's so sad how many people are doing this. The motivation of the world is to get for self. People ask the question 'what can I get out of it?' Somebody told me the other day, said 'well, I left my church and I joined another church'.

I said 'why did you do that?' They said 'my former church did not meet my needs'. We live in a day that people ask this question 'what church will meet my needs?' Not asking the question 'where can I meet some needs?' but thank God, I have people to say to me 'I'm not pleased with everything in my church and there's some great needs in my church and I'm staying with my church because I'm NEEDED in my church'. That's the Xtn philosophy! This has played havoc with us in this country. What can I get out of it? What can I get out of Government? What can I get out of my church? What can I get out of the city? What can I get from myself?

XV It is destroying us as a people. Selfishness - that's worldliness! Seeking advancement for myself. This Xtn business man said he got a big job and he was just reporting and he talked about his big salary, talking about the prestige, talking about the fringe benefits and then he said 'the Lord spoke to me and said 'you are a Xtn! You're a XTN! These are human things. These are materialistic things. These are things that will fade away. Have you stopped to think that I put you in that job, not for what you could get but for what you could GIVE?'

He said he looked to the man sitting at the desk next to him and he said 'He's a lost man'. And he looked at the larger people and he saw three people living in adultery and he saw three homes that were about to break up and he said 'listen, the Lord put you here not to get a big salary and to gain prestige but the Lord placed you here to meet a need and to be my representative and to offer yourself to Jes.' MY - how we need to realize this today! We live in a selfish; we live in a self-centered age; we live in a grasping age; a greedy age and people are just seeking more and more and more and more!

I want to say something to you, if you're a relatively young person, coming along in life. I

said this to my own son, who came down to see me - they left yesterday, they went back to Florida. They have a ten months old baby and they have a 3 year old baby and he's Chief Resident. He's finishing his resident but not he's Chief Resident. He's just under tremendous pressure. He's not making a lot of money. He's just got so much on him. I said 'I want to tell you something. You're in a wonderful time of life; you'll look back upon these days; they're wonderful.' You remember the time when you just lived in an ordinary house and you were just fighting to pay the bills and rearing the family? That's the most beautiful time of life.

What we have in this country, we keep moving from one house to another house and they get bigger and bigger and we're not satisfied. We're not satisfied. It's a sad thing indeed. I've seen it over the last eighteen years, when I came here eighteen years ago, there was a group of people living in relatively small homes. I saw them move to the bigger homes, but that has not made them happier at all. If we do not live for the glory of God, our lives will burn out and we will come to the end of any meaning in our lives, friends.

You say, well, is there anything wrong with me having a house? No. Not if you give your dues to the Lord and put Him first. Nothing wrong with taking a vacation. Nothing wrong with you having some nice clothes but you better not seeking it for your advancement. You better be seeking it for the glory of God and for the Kingdom of God and if so, your life will be filled with joy and power. If not, by the time you're forty, it'll all be over. There'll be nothing for you to live for. If you're living for material things and you're following the ways of the world and it takes a real person today not to conform to this world!

Oh, it takes a REAL person today not to conform to this world! God put it in my heart to go to college. I didn't have a penny. I worked for two years and after two years, I enrolled in Wake Forrest Univ. and I was there four years and when I was there four years, God blessed me enough to get Scholarships to Duke Univ. I went over to Duke Univ. and I was there five years in college. So I was nine years in college. The Lord called me to preach. The Lord called me to preach and I had the advantage of having many friends. As a boy, growing up, I

had friends of all denominations and I had people who boosted me and helped me and encouraged me and I appreciate it. But you realize that when God called me to preach, that some of my best friends were deeply disappointed in me and one of the greatest heartbreak of my life was when one of my best friends looked at me one day and said to me 'I thought that you were intelligent. I thought ~~XXXXXX~~ that YOU were gonna make something out of your life. I thought that you would do something and you've thrown your life away by going into the ministry

*SM* I said 'what do you mean'? He said 'you mean to tell me that you would spend nine years in college and preach? Don't you realize that you will never make any money? Don't you realize that you can never have a nice car? Don't you realize that you can NEVER have a nice home? Don't you realize that you're gonna live in poverty or basic - with basic needs all your life?' I could not believe it - it broke my heart! This is the attitude of the world - live for self; live for self! But how are we gonna keep conforming to this old world? He tells us in the next phrase

'But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind'. The mind has got to be transformed if we are going to avoid conforming to this world. The mind! The way we think! Now this would be what the Bible calls 'the mind of Christ'. We are to think like Christ. We are not to think like the world. We are to think like Christ. How did Christ think? Did Christ think of advancing Himself? Of getting things? Not at all. How did Christ think? 'How can I glorify the Father, which is in Heaven'. That was all He asked. How can I glorify My Father, which is in Heaven? And, until our minds are changed, we will think like the world.

*Phil 2: 5-9 - Shows how Jesus thinks -*

We'll think like our lost neighbors or we'll think like television. We will think like a society that is crazy for money and crazy for things! But has no concept of value. No concept of that which is eternal. No idea of what will make a life or make a marriage or make a home or make a person really happy. Now how can this mind be transformed? Only one way and that's through the Truth of God. Through a steady transfusion of the Truth of God. Where is the Truth of God? In this Book called the Bible.

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In THIS Book called the Bible! It's in the Bible, absolutely! Now this verb here 'transformed' is a present imperative, which means that we must constantly be transfused with the Truth of God. As we hear the Truth and it hits our mind and we take it seriously, we have the mind of Christ and we know that life is not to seek for self or for our advancement, but that the purpose of life is ~~NOT~~ to glorify our Lord, JC. That's the purpose of our life. We may have a job out here; we are to glorify Jes. in it - absolutely!

We are to live for His glory. To live for His glory and as we hear the Truth and as our mind is changed, then we don't conform to the foolish schemes of this world. I suspect tonight that most of you look at television with an utter disgust. But now, that is not true with everybody. That is not true. We know what we see on television - most of it - is just garbage. It is sickening. What we see in the movies is sickening. Much of what we read is sickening. Why? Because it is so contrary to the Truth of God. So contrary to that which will give a man a real understanding of what life is all about!

So Paul comes to us and he says to present the body to God. Just surrender it to Him. Say 'Lord, here's my body. I'm not gonna use it for myself. I'm gonna use it for Your glory'. And he says in order to do it, we must not conform to this old world in which we live. But we must be transformed by the renewing of this mind. This is the most important thing in the Xtn life; is the mind. Is the mind! Until this mind is changed, we simple cannot handle life. We just can't. But when your mind is changed and transformed by Truth, your life has been changed. Your LIFE has been changed!

I shall never forget the way I thought before I knew the Bible. I didn't use to know the Bible at all. I didn't know the Bible at all. When God called me to preach, I didn't know the Bible. The most marvelous thing in this world is to let the Word of God hit your brain and your mind! And you see it! And when you do, you will see how foolish this old world is and you'll literally cry when you see people giving themselves - literally, giving EVERYTHING - to this old world that there's nothing to! It can't bring any satisfaction and it's an endless race. An ENDLESS race - there's just no end to it. No end to it! Only the Truth shows

us that the important thing is to give ourselves to Jes. To give this body to Jes. To give it to Him, dead to our will; alive unto God. Through the power of the cross and through the resurrection. Then he says

'When we do this, that we will prove'. Do you know what this verb 'prove' means? It means to find and to follow 'His good and acceptable and perfect will'. How do we know the will of God? Here it is right here: when we surrender our bodies to the Lord and when we refuse to conform to the way this old world thinks, but we're transformed by the Truth of God. Then god will reveal His will and then we will have power to do His will. Many people say 'oh God, show me Your will'. There's no need for God to show most people His will. They would not do it. We will never do the will of God until we surrender the body and until the mind is transformed by the Truth of God.

SM - A young man sat in my office recently and he said 'you know, I'd like to ask you a question. How can I find the girl that God has for me?' I said 'you begin with yourself. When you become the person that God wants you to be, you will find the will of God for your life'. This is the most important thing in the world: in knowing the will of God: is to offer our body to the Lord. Refuse to conform to this world and let our minds be transformed by the Truth of God and then we will find and be able to follow the good, good - absolutely!

God's way is <sup>good</sup> good. It doesn't look/to this world. The thing I chose is good. The person who said this to me has been dead for years and died in depression and despair. The will of God is GOOD. It's good to do what God says. It's foolishness to the world; it's good and acceptable (that word means it is well pleasing) this pleases God; and it's perfect! It's absolutely perfect because it's Gods plan.

SM - *Warren* I want to tell you about Warren Wisby. The reason I mention him is because he gives a testimony about Burnout and gives a testimony based upon this verse. Warren Wisby is pastor of the Moody Memorial Church in Chicago. I heard him preach when I went there some years ago

to Founders Week. Wayne, he's just written a lot of books and they're very valuable books. He's written a little book on Romans; he calls it 'Be Right'. He can take three pages and say more than I could say in ten. He pastors this church and he's just a tremendous Xtn. He's done a work on James. You spell it W-I-E-R-S-V-E. This would be a wonderful book for you to get. They're relative inexpensive. They're brief and yet, they're marvelous books by this marvelous man!

Well, now, here's what he says. He says 'here's the key to my life'. Every morning, I get up, <sup>first,</sup> I surrender my body to Jes.' I say 'Jes. here's my body. Here's my body. This day I am determined to glorify God in my body.' 'This' <sup>I watch what I say</sup> he says 'affects what I say, when I get to the office or affects what I eat, affects what I listen to with my ears, what I see with my eyes. My whole life is changed when I say to the Lord, consciously 'today, Monday, Sept. 9th, Lord, I'll offer my body. Not to do MY will but to serve You. You've given it to me; it's dead to my will, it's alive to Jes.' He says 'that's the first thing I do'.

Secondly: I go to my Bible and I read. He said 'I transform my thinking to the Word of God. I meditate and I put within my mind and thought the Truth of the Word of God and let it transform my thinking.' He says 'I do this every morning and I carry into my office and into my home and into my world, these thoughts that I got from Gods Book'. He says 'I do this every day'. And then he says,

THIRDLY: After I've done this, I go to the Lord in prayer. I say 'Lord, this day guide me; this day I accept Your plan for my life and Lord, You know there are some things that's real hard for me to do today; there are certain things that I dislike.' Are there certain things you dislike? There are some things that I just love in being a pastor and there are some things that I don't like much. Are there some things you dislike? Why, of course! Are there some things ~~XXXXXX~~ that's hard in being a mama? In being a daddy? Are there some things hard on that job. Maybe tomorrow is something you dread; maybe some one you've got to meet with?

I think it's wonderful what he says. He says 'I just say God, You know that I;m not equal to this. It's hard, Lord, help me with it'.

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And he says 'God always sees me through. I never suffer from Burnouts'. It works, my friends, it works. Have you tried it? God is beseeching us; God is appealing to us to present, to offer, to Him these bodies: dead unto what we want to do with them; Alive unto Him. Holy, acceptable unto God, which is our logical worship. He's saying 'do not listen to the garbage and error of this world. Do not let the world pour you into its mold. Don't let the world do your thinking. Don't do that.' Some people are so weak until they let their peers do their thinking.

SM This man said he was going through a cafeteria line and he said 'the three people in front of him ordered Chop Suey and he said 'I never ate Chop Suey and couldn't stand it, but I ordered it!' There's some people who just can't stand to be different. Can't stand to be different! By the grace of God, God's called us to be different! Called us to be different.

When I started preaching, people used to say to me 'well, Bill, you're different'. I say 'what do you mean?' 'Well, you don't hobnob; you're not a man around town'. I said 'thank you, I'm called to be different'. Oh, I don't mean obnoxious and I don't mean cantankerous but called to be different. Do not think like this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind and you'll find and you'll follow that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Let's stand and pray.