

I. SURRENDER REQUIRES COMMITMENT

A. Surrender By Committing Our BODY

Romans 12:1 “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

B. Surrender By Committing Our MIND

Romans 12:2a “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,”

C. Surrender By Committing Our WILL

Romans 12:2b “that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

II. AN HONEST UNDERSTANDING OF SELF

A. The Struggle Of SELF-IMPORTANCE

Romans 12:3 “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”

B. We Are WIRED Differently

Romans 12:4 “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,”

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1. SPIRITUAL GIFT: What We Do
2. HEART PASSION: Where We Do It
3. ABILITIES: Talents We Offer
4. PERSONALITY: How We Do It
5. EXPERIENCE: Our Spiritual Resume

C. INTER-DEPENDENCY Of The Body

Romans 12:5 “so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

III. WHEN LOVE BECOMES GENUINE

Romans 12:9a, 21 “Let love be genuine... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

1. **Commitment that leads to surrender?** Discuss with family and friends this week why making commitments require some for of surrender? What is a commitment that has required the most surrendering?
2. **Discovering my SHAPE?** Take time this week to “guess” through what you think your SHAPE is. Pray through the process and then think through what it might look like for your SHAPE to serve in our church.