

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." **Romans 12:1-2 KJV***



The mold determines ceramic statues shape. Thoughts mold character and shape lives. This is why advertisers spend millions to advertise a \$2 item by investing in scientific research of color, sound, and psychology to control thought and desirability. Some 30 second commercials cost more than a two hour movie! Satan is the Pied Piper of Damnation! Many believers are allowing themselves to be molded by the world's vain philosophy and deceit through hours of TV or worldly music instead of allowing God's Word to transform them. We are commanded *“This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein (think) day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have GOOD success.”* If you can have GOOD success, then you can have BAD success. You could be a successful murderer. Minds are filled with care and entertainment while a walk with God is practically non-existent. God has become an addition or an accessory to many lives, like a talisman or rabbit's foot, instead of actually being their Life. I daresay, many who call themselves believers know not of whom they speak. Jesus said, *“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”* Does God know you? If so you will hear and heed His Voice. *“My sheep KNOW my Voice and they follow me.”* Instead of being life-like figures that mimic life, be transformed into *“living sacrifices through the adherence to the Living Truth and be a reflection of Truth!* If Truth, God's Word is your primary focus of thought, you may effect eternal change in people's lives. As beautiful and life-like a statue can be, it is still dead stone. God's Word can transform the cold stony hearts of men and change them into living breathing saints, if they yield to/obey Truth: We become witnesses to Christ as we ought to be. Meditating on God's Word is the only way to renew/transform your mind and spirit and thereby transform into profitable servants. David said *“I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”* It really is that great! Satan convinces those lacking in Truth they're missing the boat. The only boat missed is the one bound for hell! Folks sing and dance their way into hell fire while the Satan pipes the music!

God's Holy Word, the only key,
Transforming men so all may see,
The Lord of Mercy, Grace, and Love,
Has offered Life from up above. ~CGP

Obedience is our reasonable service to God. He freely laid down His Life to rescue us from hell and freely forgives all penitents who come to Him. There is no earthly way to experience the magnitude of God's eternal love for His own than to willingly walk in Truth. Believers are so distracted by the cacophony of temporal existence they neglect their Life in Christ, so much so, few outside of church would suspect they were even a believer. You are and do what you think. A *“living sacrifice”* is hard to hide. My Dad's life motto was;

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 KJV