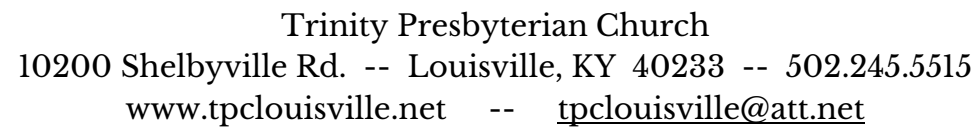


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Because Christ has given Himself fully for us, we can gladly offer our whole lives to Him, trusting His grace to transform us into people who live for His glory.

Colossians 3:17



Romans 12:1-2

SERMON NOTES

A Well-Founded Plea — v. 1a

- “Therefore...by the mercies of God.” Our response to God begins with what God has already done for us in Christ.
- God’s mercy comes before our offering; grace is the foundation of faithful stewardship.

Before we talk about our giving, Paul points us to God’s giving.

An All-Encompassing Offering — v. 1b

- “Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.” God calls us to offer not merely what we possess, but all that we are.
- A living sacrifice is a life continually placed at God’s disposal—in ordinary, everyday faithfulness.

The Christian does not merely bring an offering; the Christian becomes the offering.

An Ongoing Transformation — v. 2a

- “Do not be conformed...be transformed.” The world seeks to shape our thinking, but God renews our minds through His truth.
- We offer ourselves to God, resist the patterns of this age, and depend upon His transforming work.

Before God changes how we use what we have, He changes how we see what we have.

A God-Pleasing Life — v. 2b

- The renewed mind increasingly recognizes God’s will as good, pleasing, and worthy of our obedience.
- Stewardship becomes more than fulfilling obligations; it becomes a life of seeking what pleases God.

Not only what I have or what I do, but everything I am belongs to Christ.

FIVE MINUTES IN GOD’S WORD

A Seven-Day Bible Reading Plan

Five minutes. One passage. With God.

- **Monday: Saved by His Mercy**
Read: Titus 3:3-7
Reflect: How does remembering God's mercy toward me change the way I respond to His call upon my life?
- **Tuesday: Bought with a Price**
Read: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Reflect: What does it mean that I belong to Christ, and how should that truth shape the way I live?
- **Wednesday: A Willing Heart**
Read: Psalm 40:6-8
Reflect: What does this passage teach me about the relationship between offering something to God and delighting to do His will?
- **Thursday: A New Heart and Spirit**
Read: Ezekiel 36:25-27
Reflect: Why must lasting transformation begin with what God does within me rather than merely with my efforts to change?
- **Friday: Becoming More Like Christ**
Read: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
Reflect: How does this passage encourage me to depend upon the Spirit as God continues shaping me into the likeness of Christ?
- **Saturday: A Life of Worship**
Read: Hebrews 13:15-16
Reflect: How do my words, generosity, and acts of kindness become expressions of worship that please God?
- **Sunday: Planting for a Heavenly Harvest**
Read: Galatians 6:6-10
Reflect: What am I sowing through the choices I make each day, and how does God's promised harvest encourage me not to grow weary in doing good?