



**Expressing Our Experience:**  
*Thinking Rightly*

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**ROMANS:** **The Righteousness  
of God Revealed**



12:3

...don't think of himself more highly  
than he ought to think...



12:6a

Use your gifts



12:9-13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one ... Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal... Rejoice in hope... be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.



12:14

Bless those who persecute you



12:16,17

Live in harmony with one another.  
Repay no one evil for evil...



12:19-20

... never avenge yourselves, but leave  
it to the wrath of God



13:1

... be subject to the governing  
authorities



13:7-8

Pay to all what is owed to them.



14:13

don't pass judgment on one another  
any longer





14:19

...pursue what makes for peace and  
for mutual upbuilding.



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- ...to present you bodies as a living sacrifice...
- ...which is your spiritual worship.



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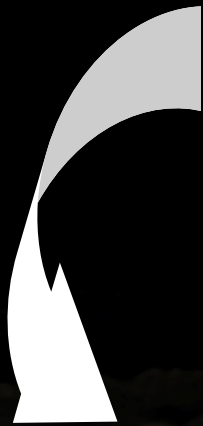
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What is the key to our living  
differently? *Thinking.*  
*Thinking* rightly. *Thinking* rightly  
about God.

A silhouette of a person standing on a hill, raising their right hand in a gesture of praise or prayer. The background is a sunset or sunrise sky with soft, warm colors. Two trees are visible on either side of the person, also in silhouette.

## ***Romans 12:1-2***

[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. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



**Thinking and acting like we did  
before should not be.**

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## ***Romans 1:18-23***

[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. [19] For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. [20] For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

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## ***Romans 1:18-23***

[21] For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Claiming to be wise, they became fools, [23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.



**Thinking more rightly about God is the means of our ongoing transformation.**





“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thin about us.”

*A.W. Tozer*



**Thinking** more rightly enables us to know how to live in a way that pleases God.



# Cautions/Encouragements

- Don't beat yourself up.
- Don't commit to just trying harder.
- Do remember this is a process.
- Do commit to thinking: to reading, discussing and praying about God's mercy.



- Thinking, reading, discussing, and praying require effort.
- The only appropriate, God pleasing motive for thinking, reading, discussing, and praying is the increased joy we experience in more fully comprehending, experiencing and expressing the glory of God's infinite mercy.