

January 15, 2017
Romans 12:1-2

TRANSFORMATION

I. Introduction:

II. Where Do My Character Defects Come From?

My _____

Genetics explain predisposition but doesn't excuse sin!

My _____

Character defects are often attempts to fill unmet needs.

My _____

Character defects are often positive qualities being misused.

III. Why Is It So Hard To Change Them?

1.) Because I've Had Them _____.

2.) Because I _____ with them.

3.) Because They Have A _____.

4.) Because _____ discourages me.

IV. How Do I Cooperate With God's Transformation Process?

Transformation: Voluntarily submitting to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly asking him to remove my _____
so that I may be made more like Jesus.

“Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual acts of worship. [2] Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to approve what Gods will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2

A. Guard The Access To Your _____

Sow a thought, reap an action.
Sow an action, reap a habit.
Sow a habit, reap a character.
Sow a character, reap a destiny.

“Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”
2 Corinthians 10:5

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of January 15th to 21st
Transformation
Romans 12:1-8

Open It

1. *What skills or qualities are necessary to play a team sport well?
2. What influences have significantly shaped your life?

Explore It

3. How do people properly worship God? (12:1)
4. What is the most reasonable response to God's great mercy? (12:1-2)
5. *How is the Christian to be different from unbelieving people? (12:2)
6. How should the mind of a Christian be changed? (12:2)
7. What must happen in order for a person to discern and agree with the will of God? (12:2)
8. How should Christians think about themselves? (12:3)
9. What facts should keep a person from feeling superior or inferior to other Christians? (12:3-6)
10. *What did Paul use the human body to illustrate? (12:4-5)
11. What makes Christians different from one another? (12:4-6)
12. In what way are all Christians alike? (12:4-6)

13. What are the gifts of God? (12:6-8)

14. *How should each person use his or her gifts? (12:6-8)

Get It

15. What right does God have to ask us for a full-life commitment to Him?

16. *What makes offering our bodies as living sacrifices an act of worship?

17. To what worldly life-styles or values do we typically conform?

18. What are the patterns of the world that tempt us to conform?

19. How can a Christian renew his or her mind?

20. How does understanding God's love raise our self-esteem?

21. How does understanding God's love reduce our selfishness and conceit?

22. How do people united in Christ act toward each other?

23. *How can the gifts God bestows on Christians help others in the church or community?

24. What gifts from God do you see in others?

25. What gifts from God do you see in your life?

Apply It

26. What is one step you can take this week toward eliminating habits that merely conform to the world's pattern?