

## THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMMITTED MEMBERS

**Rom 12:1** *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

We must give up our body. We cannot be present if we are absent. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and when we present our body to Him it is for one purpose alone. We present our body to Him as a living sacrifice and everything must be of worship unto Him. Every day when we wake up and before we are faithful and go to our domain, present our body to Him.

**Heb 10:5** *Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;*

*Heb 10:6* *IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.*

*Heb 10:7* *"THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"*

- We must present our body as living sacrifice.

This is what we must do. In presenting our body before Him, we must make sure everything that is done in our body and through our body must be of God's will. Every day we wake up and before going to sleep while we still have breath and thought and health, present our body to Him as a living sacrifice.

We must know who we are.

**Rom 12:2** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

- We must not be conformed into this world.

If we don't program our body become a living sacrifice to Him, we will be conformed to the ways of the world. Stress will come and things will go wrong. We have this body so that we can do God's will. Our focus of life and whatever we do and choose to do must be God's will. Everything we plan must be our worship to Him. Worship is not just on Sunday morning. Worship is every day.

We are fellow partakers of the Body and our body must do what the Head is saying. If we don't choose, the systems of this world will get us. Think about living to do God's will. We must live right. Every day get a proper check up and see if we are living for Him. Does the words that come out from our mouth is a form of worship unto Him?

The day is coming that we will not just speak about the standard but we will live and model the standard. Our mind must be renewed so that our lives can be transformed. We think, we compare and consider and every decision we make leads to consequence. A renewed mind will lead us to the path of God. When we are renewed in our mind, we will be changed. We need to change so that we can understand God's will.

God will never cheat us or deceive us. His will is perfect and nothing wrong will happen. In order for us to accept this, our mind must be renewed. God's will is perfect. Sometimes we cannot see and get discouraged like the 2 disciples at Emmaus road.

When we present our body to God and don't let it be filled with unforgiveness, fear, anxiety, etc. We have only one heart. If we have forgiveness, love for God, etc it is in the heart. If we have good and bad in the heart, one day something will rise up and choke it. Our heart must be purely for Him. Wrong things we need to push it out. When we renew our mind, our lives will be transformed.

The right way to think about ourselves is sound judgment. Just because we read more does not mean we are smarter. All the troubles that happen are caused by our own self or people. A stray dog doesn't just drop from the sky. It is because of somebody abandoning the dog somewhere.

God is looking for the right people. When the right person rises up, the problem stops and we can go to the next level.

*Rom 12:4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,*  
*Rom 12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

*Rom 12:6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;*

Every one of us is different but our values must be the same. God gives us grace to understand who we are and faith to practice what God said.

There are many members connected to one Body. We must recognize that each one of us has a measure of faith and function differently. We respect one another. Some are good in music, some can sing well, and some can sing until people cry because it is frightening.

God also gives people with different talents and skills. Individual members with different functions and levels of faith and grace relate with one another. We are to exercise our lives and gifts accordingly. God wants to start with us. We must allow God to begin the work in our life.

We must not bring the world principles into the church.

A company does not become profitable just like that. It requires people. The company or school or the church is only as good as the people.

We do not have a problem when we make the right decision in our life. We must determine in our mind not to eat the king's food when we enter the palace like Daniel.

### **1. Be born again with the evidence of repentance and changed life.**

If we want to know we are truly born again, it is the evidence of a changed life. Repentance means willing to change and willing to choose God's ways. Stop doing what we do and start doing what God wants. If we are wrong, we know how to say sorry.

The problem is when we don't want to change or change a little. Then we are partly Christian and partly pagan.

**2. Be baptized in water with evidence of faith towards God**

When we are water baptized, we desire to follow Him. It is like we are in the tomb and rise up again and look into the sky. It is not longer I that live but Christ in me. We are determined to let everybody know, we are putting death to our old life. We are demanding ourselves not to live the old way anymore. Things go wrong because of the flesh. When we are water baptized, we are saying to everybody that we are dealing with the flesh. We take this responsibility of our own life to change and put an end to our old life and live for God.

**3. Be baptized in the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in the language of tongues.**

It is this dimension that will set us free. The battle is spiritual. God will strengthen us from on high and we will make us strong. Too much knowledge does not mean we can solve the problem. Our dependence is on what the Holy Spirit tells us. Ask ourselves if we have become programmed to what we know. We want to become better and ask the Holy Spirit to give us fresh thoughts in our mind. Don't decide in what we are good at but decide in what the Holy Spirit tells us. If we don't know the Holy Spirit we will not be free because He shows us the way. If we don't learn from Him, we are not learning from the best.

**4. Be passionate for God with a lifestyle of worship and intimacy.**

One of the best people who we can work with is people who are passionate. People who are passionate won't stop. We can push in our spirit because we are passionate. Celebrate because we are passionate about it. Worship with all our heart. If we have passion, we will have the power to rise. If we learn how to worship and touch God in worship, we can rise up in every problem. When we are in need or sad the way is to express ourselves before His Presence. When we touch Him, our life will change

**5. Be committed to one another in corporate destiny**

The safest thing to do is to do what is blessed and the safest thing to say is to say what is blessed. If it is a cursed it will not bless others. We are all in the same car and we are all going to a destiny. Do not walk alone. Destiny is not just about an individual. We must walk together. In certain country, certain race does not have a bright future. Alone we suffer, but together we can help each other up. If we want to fulfill destiny we must stay together.

**6. Be useful in service with a lifestyle of sacrifice and selfless service**

After all that God has blessed us, we should be the first one that we will volunteer to help. We don't need special invitation. When we hear something we must be the first one to respond. We should be the first one saying yes. Think about our life and our beginning, the first time we came and where we are now. See how much God has done for our life while we are here in the House. If we can see it clearly, we will not be selfish and pull ourselves away from service. Be grateful to God.