



Rick Warren states that true worship brings God pleasure and “the heart of worship is surrender” (p. 77). For 11 chapters Paul writes in Romans about the condition of humanity, our inability to please God through our own efforts, and the solution that God provided in Jesus. His logic leads to a point of personal application. True belief precedes right behavior.

“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 act of worship. 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 test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
(Romans 12:1-2)

1. Read Romans 12:1-2. What is involved when someone “offers” himself to God? What is a “living sacrifice?”
2. What are some barriers to surrendering to God?
3. Read Romans 11:33-36. What reasons do you see that would motivate us to surrender to God?
4. Warren says, “Surrender is not the *best way to live; it is the only way to live*. Nothing else works” (p. 83). What do you think?

“Surrendering your life is not a foolish emotional impulse but a rational, intelligent act, the most responsible and sensible thing you can do with your life. That is why Paul said, “So we make it our goal to please him” (2 Corinthians 5:9). Your wisest moments will be those when you say yes to God....

So give it all to God: your past regrets, your present problems, your future ambitions, your fears, dreams, weaknesses, habits, hurts, and hang-ups. “Put Jesus Christ in the driver’s seat of your life and take your hands off the steering wheel. Don’t be afraid; nothing under his control can ever be out of control” (p. 83).

*“Give yourselves to God....
Surrender you whole being to Him to be used for righteous purposes
(Romans 6:13 TEV)*