

GOD IS LOOKING FOR DEDICATED DISCIPLES.

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Romans 12:1–2-NKJV

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*

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

Although every dedicated disciple is unique, there are three qualities that they share:

1. A Life Surrendered On The Altar of God's Purpose.

Passion - Verse 1 -... *Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.*

Proverbs 19:21- AMP

Many plans are in a man's mind, but it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand.

present – GK- *to place beside or near; to present a person for another to see and question; to bring into one's fellowship or intimacy.*

2. A Spiritual Transformation Because Of A Mind Being Renewed.

Passion - Verse -2 - ... *Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think.*

James 4:7-Passion

7 So then, surrender to God. Stand up to the Devil and resist him and he will turn and run away from you.

"conformity" - *a blending into something else.*

"transform" - *metamorphoō - a metamorphosis from one stage of life to another, to change into another form.*

Colossians 3:2-Passion

2...Yes, feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm.

Renewing - anakainōsis - an-ak-ah'ee-no-sis - renovation, complete change for the better.

3. A Will Devoted To God's Glory.

Passion - Verse 2b - ...*This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.*

Dedicated disciples carry a passion for pleasing God.

Colossians 1:10-AMP

10 That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things...

Luke 22:42-AMP

42 Saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done.