

**The Transformed Mind –
*Live Like A Real Christian!***

Romans 12: 9-16

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Spiritual Gifts

One Body, Many Parts



UNITY

MAKES

STRENGTH

Verse 9 - 10

The transformed mind loves the brethren

The Four Types of Love in the Bible



Eros

sensual or romantic love



Storge

familial love



Philia

brotherly love that unites believers



Agape

God's love for humankind

**The transformed mind will love for real; hypocritical love is all
blow and no go**

Love is an action – DO! DO!

Not simply mouthing words, dead faith, no love

James 2: 14-17

The transformed mind will hate evil, and hate what God hates

Love hates evil/sin, *because evil/sin destroys lives*

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil,

19 a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

The transformed mind will cling to good

Cling = superglued to good

“Be kindly affectionate to one another in brotherly love”

How will this look?

“giving preference to one another”

Preference = others above self

Jesus on love in His family: He commanded it – John 13: 34-35

Do dwell in Christ – make Christ your home

Do submit to the Holy Spirit

Do have a good attitude; others first, then me

Do have a servant attitude – Galatians 6: 10 – *GOOD!*

Verse 11

The transformed mind serves the Lord

**Not lagging, not holding back in diligence; an all-out effort for God
God is not into lazy, half-hearted efforts, pity parties or excuses**



What is God into?

Diligence

“fervent in spirit serving the Lord”

Fervent = *to boil, seethe*

William Borden was fervent for our Lord!

YOUNG MILLIONAIRE RENOUNCES WORLD TO BE MISSIONARY

William Whiting Borden Makes

ORDAINS W. W. BORDEN AS MINISTER OF GO

Rev. John Timothy Stone,
Delivers Charge to the
Chicago Millionaire.

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Young Man

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- WILLIAM BORDEN



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Verse 12

The transformed mind continues steadfastly

Steadfast = to endure, keep going; no drifting back, no lagging back – ***KEEP GOING!***

The transformed mind is under assault – “*will rejoice in hope*”, - the expectation of good!

“Patient in tribulation” = mature, complete, lacking nothing

Tribulation = “*thlipsis*” = the crushing and squeezing of life

“Steadfast in prayer” = endure, keep going, don’t quit in prayer!

Verse 13

The transformed mind shares what they have

We are simply stewards of God's resources – *IT'S NOT MINE!*

Since it's not mine, I must be willing to share with the brethren in need – **Romans 15: 25-27**

Verse 14 - 16

The transformed mind acts like Jesus

**It is not me, but God in me, that allows me to do the impossible,
bless and forgive**

The transformed mind realizes we are all in this together

All are loved by God equally, so . . . *be a love giver to others!*

A TIME TO REFLECT: THE TRANSFORMED MIND AND GOD

**Please know, with all your heart, that God loves you implicitly,
absolutely!**

**Love is who God is; He does not give partial love, or measures of
love, *but total love!***

**The transformed mind touches the hem of this love and lives out
a small fraction of the love given to us**

The transformed mind is the “*normal Christian life*”; an expectation, not the exception!

“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Romans 12: 2a

Be steadfast brothers and sisters!

Be diligent brothers and sisters !

Be fervent brothers and sisters!

And by all means

LIVE LIKE A REAL CHRISTIAN!!



Brothers & Sisters in Christ

IMPACT

IMPACT YOUR WORLD FOR CHRIST!