

*Live Differently*

Metamorphosis – Part 5

Romans 13:1-7

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Q. How is God transforming you?

Romans 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.*

Review:

* Rom. 12:1-2 – The change starts on the inside. Changes the way we see ourselves.
* Rom. 12:3-8 - Changes the way we relate to the body of Christ.
* Rom. 12:9-13 - Changes the way we relate to our friends and family.
* Rom. 12:14-21 - Changes the way we relate to our enemies – those who wish us evil.

Living the New You with Authority:

1. Respect those in Authority.

Vs. 1-2 *Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.*

1. Be Led by the Spirit and not Fear.

Vs. 3-5 *For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.*

1. Give to Everyone what You Owe.

Vs. 6-7 *For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.*

1. *Tax to whom tax is due*
2. *Custom to whom custom*
3. *Fear to whom fear*
4. *Honor to whom honor.*

Point: You are a new person. Live like it.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How have you seen God’s transformed new creation in yourself? How have seen yourself continue to conform to the world around you?
2. What would it mean for you to respect governing authorities? How would you demonstrate that respect? How does that respect reveal your new life in Christ?
3. How have you experienced being led by conscience in doing right? What could you do to be more open to the leading of your Spirit inspired conscience?
4. How do you show honor to those whom honor is due? Who is due your honor, based on their position in your life?