



Family preparation for congregational worship on January 21, 2018

Our Scripture-Romans 12:1-2 (ESV): I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Discuss:

1. What is the reasonable response to God's mercy (vv.1-2)?
2. How are Christians to be different from the lost (v.2)?
3. How is the Christian mind to be changed (v.2)?

Prayer: Praise the Son for His glorious sacrifice on the cross. Praise the Lord that you are free from the bondage of sin. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for unsaved family members. Pray for an attitude of gratefulness. Pray for our church as we minister here in Eau Claire and that the Lord would give us three new families this year. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (January) *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."*
Psalm 119.11 (esv)

Music: As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always and feed on His Word.
Make friends with God's children, help those who are weak; forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; .spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide, and run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord, and looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

"Take Time To Be Holy"; The Celebration Hymnal, #656, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

Romans 12:1-2

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P C M E R C I E S N V
B R O T H E R S T F I
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ACCEPTABLE
BROTHERS
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BODIES
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