

QUESTIONS TO PONDER—What did you find new, interesting, challenging, confusing, difficult, etc. in the readings?

1. Sunday, June 18; Romans 12:1-3; Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind! Read passage with notes. Rewrite verse 1 in your own words. Because of God’s mercy to us, what may we do as an act of worship (1)? How do we learn the will of God (2)? What is the difference between conforming and transforming? How do we renew our minds? What was Paul’s concern (3)? How should we view ourselves (3)? **Personal Application:** What does it mean to be a “living sacrifice”? How have these verses played a role in your spiritual faith and growth?

2. Monday, June 19; Romans 12:4-8; One Body but Different Gifts. Read the passage with notes. How is our human body compared to the Body of Christ (4-5)? What is (are) your gift(s) (6-8)? **Personal Application:** How do you use your gifts now in your home, work, and ministry? What gifts do you appreciate in others in your church or life?

3. Tuesday, June 20; Romans 12:9-14; Prescriptions for Life. Read the passage with notes. Make a list of these prescriptions for your refrigerator or wallet. **Personal Application:** Which of these prescriptions come easy for you and which are difficult? How does the Holy Spirit empower you or I to live this way and what has been the overall result?

4. Wednesday, June 21; Romans 12:15-21; More Prescriptions for Life. Read the passage with notes. Continue to add to your refrigerator list with these additional prescriptions. Do you or I say these prescriptions are suggestions or commands? **Personal Application:** How are you or I more effective for Christ by employing these attitudes and traits?

5. Thursday, June 22; Romans 13: 1-7; Behavior Towards Governing Authorities. Read the passage with notes. Why is it important to obey authority (1-2)? Do you or I find it difficult or easy to submit to the authority of others in your life (3-5)? Why? What do we owe to our government (6-7)? **Personal Application:** How have you or I seen dishonor and disrespect of our governing authorities? What happens to society without respect of authority?

6. Friday, June 23; Romans 13:8-10; Love Fulfills the Law. Read the passage with notes. What is our instruction concerning debt (8a)? What is our instruction concerning our debt of love (8b)? What commandment fulfills all others (9-10)? **Personal Application:** How does LOVE propel your life or mine? Refresh your mind or mine on the definition of love by reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a.

7. Saturday, June 24; Romans 13:11-14; The Day is Near. Read the passage with notes. When have you or I noticed we were “falling asleep on the job of life” (11)? Why does the Lord want us to live life AWAKE (11-12)? List the deeds of daytime versus the deeds of nighttime (13-14). **Personal Application:** How and why do you or I clothe ourselves with Jesus Christ?

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