

Romans 12:1-2
"By Mercy"
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Theme: Because it's hard to serve God when our heart is not in our work, He motivates us by His mercy to serve him.

Key Question: How do you keep your heart in your service to God?

- I. Make mercy your motivation
 - a. Opening Words (vs1)
 - "I appeal to you... by the mercies of God..."
 - What Mercies? (Romans 1-11)

Romans 1	"God reveals his attributes in Creation"
	Humanity worships creation vs creator
Romans 3	"All have sinned and fall short..."
Romans 6	"The wages of sin is death"
Romans 10	"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
 - b. Other Words (possible but not used)
 - I appeal to you by "Guilt you'll Feel"
 - I appeal to you by "Riches you'll gain"
- II. Claim Mercy for your Transformation
 - a. Paul's take: What he said = Mercy leads to change
 - b. My mistake: What I heard = Change leads to mercy
 - Compare: Jewish error causing Paul grief (Rom 10:1-3)
 - c. Our Privilege: The memory of mercy in Communion proceeds the Fuel of the Heart to live for God