

Devoted to God: Romans 12:1-2

- **A Brief Review and Introduction**

1. “To be h_____, to be s_____, therefore to be a s_____, is in simple terms to be d_____ to God.”
2. Sinclair Ferguson’s Goal – “To provide a manual of Biblical t_____ on h_____ developed on the basis of extended e_____ of ten f_____ passages in the New Testament.”
3. Do you remember the first foundational passage?
4. Do any of you have Romans 12:1-2 memorized?
5. Let’s read the text in a few different versions this morning and commit to memorizing it for next Sunday.
6. What are you supposed to do when you see a “therefore” in the Bible?
7. What is the difference between the indicative and the imperative moods in grammar?

- **Principle One** – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God...”

1. Ferguson connects the “therefore” with Paul’s d_____ of the g_____ in Romans 1:16-11:36 (not just mercies extended to Jews and Gentiles as referenced in chapter 11) which he calls a “profound exposition of God’s grace.”
2. Is the above portion of God’s Word then mostly in the indicative or in the imperative? Why does that matter? Note Romans 6:12, 13, and 19 are exceptions which are remarkably similar to Romans 12:1.
3. Divine i_____ (who God is, what God has done, is doing, and will do for us) provide the foundation for human i_____ (our response of faith and obedience).
4. What happens if we reverse this order?

5. Consider Exodus 20:1-3 and II Thessalonians 2:13-15 as other examples of this pattern of thinking.

6. We are now ready for Principle # 1:

S _____ flows from the g _____.

Note these clarifying remarks from Fergusun:

“Sanctification – being devoted to God – is always the fruit of his setting us apart in and through Christ.”

“Thus the motivation, energy, and drive for holiness are all found in the reality and power of God’s grace in Christ.”

“In the New Testament the basic command of old, covenant life, ‘Be holy as I am holy,’ now means, ‘Become like Jesus.’”

7. **Once this principle is established, Paul lets l _____ a f _____ of imperatives. How many do you count in Romans 12?**