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Motivation

In view of the mercies of God
(Romans 1-11)

- Christ saved you
 - from death to life
 - old man to new man

Sacrificial Presentation

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- Present yourselves a Living Sacrifice
 - holy,
 - acceptable unto God,

Because it is your reasonable act of worship.

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Spiritual Transformation

“And do not be conformed by the world...”

- Stop being conformed (by the world)

HealthlineNews Published on April 14, 2015

Do Photos of Thin Models Really Cause Eating Disorders? Written by R. Sam Barclay

France is cracking down on its modeling industry, but experts say personality traits, life experiences, and cultural messages combine into a perfect storm to create eating disorders.

The world: Pressing us into mould

“Teens whose iPods are full of music with raunchy, sexual lyrics start having sex sooner than those who prefer other songs, a study found. Whether it’s hip-hop, rap, pop or rock, much of popular music aimed at teens contains sexual overtones. Its influence on their behavior appears to depend on how the sex is portrayed, researchers found.”

■ By Andrew Bridgman CBS/APA August 7, 2006, 4:33 PM
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/study-sexy-lyrics-lead-to-sex-sooner/>

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“A recent analysis of the content of television shows, movies, magazines, newspapers, and music popular among teens demonstrated that sexual content is much more prevalent in popular music lyrics than in any other medium.”

Steven C. Martino, et. al: “Exposure to Degrading Versus Nondegrading Music Lyrics and Sexual Behavior Among Youth” *Pediatrics*, Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics Vol. 118 Number 2, August 2006:430-441.

Spiritual Transformation

- Stop being conformed (by the world)
- Be being transformed (by the Holy Spirit)
 - Through the renewing of your mind (through the Word)

Spiritual Transformation

- Stop being pressed into this world's mould.
- Constantly be metamorphosed by the Holy Spirit through the Word renewing your mind.



Adam & Eve, not Adam & Steve

Gen. 2:18-25

Modesty is the key to Fashion

1 Tim. 2:9-10



A NEW SONG

Music Emphasis Week, 28 Sep 2014

And He hath put a new
song in my mouth,
even praise
unto our God
Psalm 40:3

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RESULT – So that

- You may approve (determine)
 - Good, acceptable and perfect,
 - i.e. the will of God.

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Sober Consideration

- Romans 12:4-5

“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

Shared Participation

- Romans 12:4-5

“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another....”

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“... Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.”

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(community with shared participation; “We are the church”)



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