

# What Is a Romans 12 Christian?



(A GRACE-BASED RELATIONAL PROFILE OF AN  
AUTHENTIC FOLLOWER OF JESUS)

## 5 KEY RELATIONSHIPS → r12 BIBILICAL RESPONSES

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### Relationship with God → **SURRENDER** to God

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to **offer your bodies** as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.”

ROMANS 12:1

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### Relationship with the world → **SEPARATE** from the World

“**Do not conform** any longer to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

ROMANS 12:2

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### Relationship with yourself → **SOBER** in Self-Assessment

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather **think of yourself with sober judgment**, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

ROMANS 12:3-8

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### Relationship with Believers → **SERVING** in Love

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.** Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

**ROMANS 12:9-13**

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### Relationship with Nonbelievers → **SUPERNATURALLY** Responding to Evil with Good

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. **Do not repay anyone evil for evil.** Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord. On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, **but overcome evil with good.**”

**ROMANS 12:14-21**

# Gleanings: What Have We Learned from the R12 Journey?



## 1. R12 PROVIDES A THEOLOGICAL CONTEXT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

- Romans 1-3 – All have **sinned**.
- Romans 4-5 – **Salvation** is by grace through faith.
- Romans 6-8 – How the Holy Spirit changes our life (**sanctification**).
- Romans 9-11 – God's **sovereign** plan for Israel to fulfill all His promises.

## 2. R12 ANSWERS LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

- How do you give God what He wants the most? (v. 1)
- How do you get God's best for your life? (v. 2)
- How do you come to grips with the real you? (v. 3-8)
- How can you experience authentic community? (v. 9-13)
- How do you overcome the evil aimed at you? (v. 14-21)

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How are you currently helping your people to become “mature Christians?” How do you currently measure their maturity and growth? What is your current plan to transform them into leaders for the future church?
2. How do you currently help your people discover their spiritual and natural gifting that God has given them?
3. What is your current model/metrics to help those your discipling to evaluate their progress and challenge the status quo?

## RESOURCES

1. *True Spirituality* book by Chip Ingram, [TrueSpiritualityonline.org](http://TrueSpiritualityonline.org) and True Spirituality Church-Wide Campaign.
2. *The Real You* assessment helps identify your God-given-strengths, greatest contribution as part of a team and unique purpose in the world. Scan the QR code below for more information.

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Scan this using a smartphone to access the *The Real You* Assessment.

