

# **The Bible Study Tool Chest**

How to Study the Bible

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**Concordance**

**Cross Reference** [*In Bibles; stand alone book*]

**Harmony of the Gospels**

**Bible Dictionary**

**Bible Encyclopedia**

**Manners & Customs of the Bible**

**Dictionary of Bible Words**

**Topical Bible**

**Bible Atlas**

**Software**

**Overviews**

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**Translation**

**Paraphrase**

**Version**

**Dynamic equivalence**

**King James Version – KJV (1611 – Revised 1627)**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**New King James Version – NKJV (1982) *Gideon's now distribute this version.***

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**New American Standard Bible – NASB (1960) (Revised 1995)**

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

**New International Version – NIV (1973)**

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. 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.

**Living Bible – (1971)**

And, so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind He can accept. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how His ways will really satisfy you.

**Revised Standard Version – RSV (1946)**

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Phillips – The New Testament in Modern English (1958)**

With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity.

### **New Living Translation – NLT (1996)**

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

### **The Message – Eugene Peterson (1993)**

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

### **Contemporary English Version – CEV (1995)**

Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

### **Amplified Version – (1958)**

I appeal to you, therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies – presenting all your members and faculties – as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world – this age, fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs. But be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind – by its new ideals and its new attitude – so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

### **Da Jesus Book – The New Testament in Hawaii Pidgin (2000)**

Bruddas and sistas, so den, wat? God, he give you guys plenny chance. Az why I like aks you guys, let God take ova you, jalike you giving one sacrifice, but alive. But you know wat God like you guys do? He like you guys go all out fo God. Fo make lidat, good you know, cuz dat fo show God love and respeck. Eh! No make like how da peopo nowadays telling you fo do! Mo betta, you guys let God make you guys tink diffren inside, so you can tink new way bout everyting. Den you can go figga how God like you do. And da ting God like you do, stay good, and make God stay good inside, and everytime stay perfeck.