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# Becoming a Romans 12 Trailman

## February Topic: You are Called to be Holy

**Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2 (HCSB)**

Trailmen, you are called to be holy! You are called to greatness and not the mediocrity of the world's standards. As we begin this verse, we see that immediately we are called away from the secular world and into holiness.

In Romans 12:1, we were called to present our bodies as a "living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God". and as we enter into verse 2, we see a more detailed calling away from the secular world and into the will of God. This is done by a transformation, by the renewing of our mind. The Greek term used for "mind" is referring to reasoning and intuition. Then we see "discern" which in the Greek is a sort of testing. As we look at creation, we see order; in order, we see reason. God has made us in His image, which means we have been created with the likeness of God and in that we have the ability to reason. We use that reasoning to test what is good, pleasing, and the perfect will of God.

*19 I am using a human analogy because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you offered the parts of yourselves as slaves to impurity, and to greater and greater lawlessness, so now offer them as slaves to righteousness, which results in sanctification. Romans 6:19 (CSB)*

As we see in Romans 6:19, once again we are called to no longer be a slave, or conformed, to impurity and lawlessness which the culture of the age stands for. We are called to be holy (set apart) as slaves to righteousness.

*22 to take off, your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires, 23 to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on, the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth. Ephesians 4:22-24 (CSB)*

Trailmen, be renewed in the spirit of your mind. There is no coincidence that we are continually called away from our old way of life and into a renewing of our minds. We see God has a calling for our lives, not for mediocrity, but for holiness, righteousness, and sanctification! As we finish verse 2, we see that Paul describes God's will for our life. Paul doesn't describe anything we see on TV, he doesn't describe what we are hearing from the secular community, but he describes something so much more beautiful. Paul describes a walk with Christ as **good, pleasing, and perfect will of God**.

My brothers in Christ, take off the old and be renewed. Let us walk together in victory, testing the spirits and conquering evil in the victory of our Lord! Let us **Walk Worthy** in a life that is good, pleasing, and in the perfect will of God!

***24*** *“May the Lord bless you and protect you;*
***25*** *may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;*
***26*** *may the Lord look with favor on you and give you peace.”*
*Numbers 6:24-26 (CSB)*

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