Living Day by Day Ray Stedman

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 12:1-3.
- B. God is interested in making your body available to Him.
- C. Giving your body over is something you do once and then set the basis of your life on.

II. Why does God want your body?

- A. The body is weak and tempted by the flesh.
- B. God has made the body holy and pleasing to Him.
- C. We come to God before we get our problems straightened out—He straightens them out.
- D. This is our logical worship.
 - 1. Worship is allowing God to use your body in whatever circumstance.

2. You use the body for yourself and you will use it for what it was never intended and hurt it.

- 3. God uses the body rightly
- III. What one needs to keep doing after delivering the body.
 - A. Do not be conformed to the world's pattern.
 - 1. The spirit of the age is self-advancement. This brings ruin to the life though.
 - 2. The methods of the world are rivalry and competition.
 - B. Be transformed by the renewing of the mind.
 - 1. This is having the mind of Christ.
 - 2. This mind sees things as they really are.
 - 3. This mind sees the basis for living as serving God and advancing His kingdom.
 - 4. God is pleased when people venture out in faith.
 - 5. How we get our minds renewed...
 - a. We get it through church teachings.

b. We get it in a personal Bible study.

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who tells you that worship happens when a band plays songs about Jesus and an audience sings along with them based on the present passage? Explain.

2. Memorize Romans 12:1-3 and write it below. How can this verse help you remember God's power in your life on a daily basis?

3. How do you get your mind renewed? Are you being challenged enough in your study and community? If not, what can you do to make sure your mind is being renewed on a regular basis?