#### SEEING WHAT IS RIGHT . THROUGH GOD'S EYES

#### Responding to Grace (Romans 12:9-21)

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An expanded version of the 10 commandments



#### Ten Commandments

- 1 YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER "GODS" BEFORE ME
- 2 YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL
- 3 YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF GOD IN VAIN
- 4 REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY
- 5 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER
- 6 YOU SHALL NOT MURDER
- 7 YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY
- 8 YOU SHALL NOT STEAL
- 9 YOU SHALL NOT LIE
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Exodus 20:3-17

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 "God's perfect will" for the follower of Jesus

Rom 12:2 Do not conform 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—<u>his</u> <u>good</u>, pleasing and perfect will.





**Question:** What should be transformed? **Answer**: Everything!!!





# Transformed:motives (9)



#### "Love must be sincere"



#### **Transformed:**

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#### "Hate what is evil, cling to what is good<sup>,</sup>



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### The fruit of the Spirit

22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5)



Galatians 5 (Fruit of the Spirit)	Romans 12:9-21
Love	Love must be sincere. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves
Joy	Be joyful in hope
Peace	If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone
Patience	patient in affliction, faithful in prayer
Kindness	Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality

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Goodness	Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
Faithfulness	Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord
Gentleness	Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Do not repay anyone evil for evil
Self - control	Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord

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- A description of the life of Jesus



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# How we understand this list of imperatives, is going to determine how we live our week



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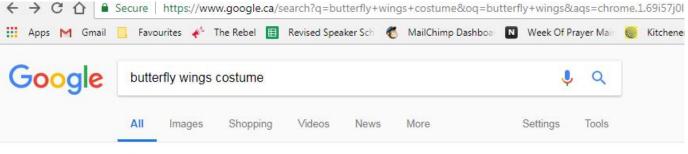
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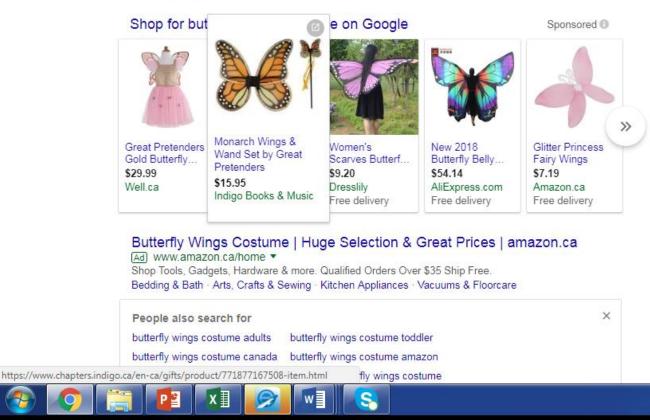
#### These are requirements for the transformed life

Rom 7:15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do...For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.....what a wretched man that I am!





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# GROUND ZERO (Rom 12:1-2)

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Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

Step One: Offer Yourself Step Two: Stop Copying the Counterfeit Step Three: Let the Potter Mold you



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"Lord, I want to cooperate in this transformation that you have started in me. Knowing that I could never do this on my own, I offer myself fully to your Spirit to produce these beautiful qualities in my life."

[Jn 15:5 NIV] 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."