

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

Romans 12:1-2 & 13:8-14

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. From what Paul wrote in Romans 12:1-2, how can a Christian avoid conforming to the pattern of this world?

Christians can resolve to worship God properly and truly (in truth). They can pray and strive to live holy and pleasing to God. They can be willing to make sacrifices

according to the will of God, which will be consistent with the Bible's teachings. They can use their minds and bodies in the service of God and others where God leads them. They can renew their minds daily by their study of the Bible and their prayers that the Holy Spirit will help them understand the Word of God, properly apply the Word of God, and empower them to live according to the Word of God. They can seek to do only what is according to God's good, pleasing, and perfect will.

2. What objective and infallible standard has God given people and Christians use to test and approve what the will of God is?

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3. What is a debt? According to Paul, what debt do all Christians owe?

A debt is something that is unpaid according to the terms of an agreement or contract. Christians owe a continuing debt to love one another.

4. How did Paul say Christians can fulfill the law of God?

They love their neighbors as themselves and they do no harm to a neighbor.

5. What does it mean to you to clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ?

See especially Romans 13:14

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