



“CALL OF DUTY”

Part 1

Romans 12:1-2

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INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!

The video game Call of Duty is a first-person shooter video game franchise. The series began on Microsoft Windows, and later expanded to consoles and handhelds. Several spin-off games have been released. **As of April 2015, the Call of Duty series has sold over 175 million copies. Sales of all Call of Duty games topped US\$15 billion.**

Question; How valuable is our “Call Of Duty”?

A. Definition of “DUTY”

1. conduct due to parents and superiors: RESPECT
2. essential tasks, conduct, service, or functions that arise from one's position... assigned service or business.... active military service..... a period of being on duty
3. a moral or legal obligation.... the force of moral obligation.... engaged in or responsible for an assigned task or duty.

In our text of Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I beg of you, brethren, by the mercies of God that you yield your bodies—your total personalities—a living sacrifice, set apart for God, well-pleasing to God, which is your rational/having reason or understanding or spiritual service.

TODAY

- I. **Dedication** The single-minded devoting of a person, object or action to the honor of God.
 - A. **Personal dedication to God must be wholehearted**

Joshua 22:5 (NASB)

5 “Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

- B. **Dedication to God and his service**
 - C. **Dedication is more usually applied to people than things** - Romans 12:1
 - D. **Service for others is to be dedicated to God and done in his name**
- II. **Consecration** - The setting apart of people, things, times or places as sacred, for God to use.
 - A. **Consecration is the requirement of a holy God**

Leviticus 20:7–8 (NASB)

7 ‘You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. **8** ‘You shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

- B. **Inward consecration to God is symbolized by outward cleansing**- Romans 12:1
- C. **Consecration as preparation for work and worship**

Numbers 11:18 (NASB)

18 “Say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, “Oh that someone would give us meat to eat! For we were well-off in Egypt.” Therefore, the LORD will give you meat and you shall eat.

Joshua 3:5 (NASB)

5 Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”

- III. **Zeal** - A single-minded desire, characterized by enthusiasm and devotion. In Scripture, it is often directed towards God, but God is also credited with zeal for his people and for the honor of his name. Misdirected or inappropriate zeal can degenerate/having declined or become less specialized (as in nature, character, structure, or function) into fanaticism.
 - A. **Zeal for God**
 - B. **Zeal for God’s house**
 - C. **Zeal for God’s service** - Romans 12:11

- IV. **Acceptable attitudes in Worship**-True worship is not the mechanical repetition of rituals, but should be wholehearted and reverent. It should be based upon trustful and obedient lives, in that obedience is itself to be seen as an act of worship.
 - A. **Worship should be grounded in godly and obedient living** – Romans 12:1-2

Closing – Romans 12:1-2

- A. THE VIEWS – Paul Understood...

The purpose of learning in the Hebraic worldview was to prepare the whole person for a life of service and obedience in the knowledge of God. It was up to the Jewish people to study, learn, embrace, and live it in every circumstance of their lives. A mere understanding was not enough; learning required response.

We on the other hand that is our worldview, is acquiring knowledge for the sake of knowledge alone. The desire is for information and understanding, not for instruction leading to obedience. The two worldviews of the Hebrew and Greek/our culture vastly differ and there is no compromise between the two.¹ Therefore, Paul I believe started our text in Romans 12:1-2 the way he did.....

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And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

**THIS IS OUR CALL TO DUTY
NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION, COME TO JESUS NOW!**

¹ Israel and the Church – God’s Road Map – Rebecca J. Brimmer