



“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. The earlier games in the series are set primarily in World War II, including Call of Duty, Call of Duty 2, and Call of Duty 3. Beginning with Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare, which is set in modern times, the series has shifted focus away from World War II. **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.

Notice that the **“therefore”** ties into everything that has come before it. Although it has immediate connection with that which has just preceded it, some view this that Paul is gathering up the whole epistle when he says, “Therefore.”

“I beg of you” is the language of grace, not law. There is no thunder here from Mount Sinai. Moses commanded; Paul exhorts. Paul doesn’t command; he says, **“I beg/ request/ plead/ solicit of you.”**

“By the mercies of God”— this phrase denoting an abundance of mercy. God is rich in mercy; God has plenty of it, my friend. “Mercy” means compassion, pity/sorrow over one’s condition, and the tenderness of God. His compassions never fail.

We are called upon to **“present”**—to yield. The way to Christian character is to yield to Him. Here yielding is, the way to Christian consecration and conduct.¹ **In other words, this is our “Call Of Duty”**

I. **Call Of Duty Is...**

- A. **Commitment to God** - Commitment to God arises from faith in his promises, is expressed in worship and adoration and leads to obedience to his commands.
- B. **Defining “Commitment”** - an act of committing to a charge or trust, a promise to do or give something, a promise to be loyal to someone or something, or a **“Call Of Duty”**

1) **Commitment to God commanded**

Joshua 24:14 (NASB)

14 “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in **sincerity/ genuineness/ freedom from hypocrisy** and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹J. Vernon McGee, *Thru the Bible Commentary*, electronic ed., vol. 4 (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1997), 728–729.

Note our Romans 12:1–2

2) Obedience to God’s commands as a sign of commitment

Romans 6:17 (NASB)

17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

Jeremiah 42:6 (NASB)

6 “Whether it is pleasant or unpleasant, ***we will listen to the voice of the LORD our God*** to whom we are sending you, so that it may go well with us when we listen to the voice of the LORD our God.”

3) Benefits of commitment to God

Proverbs 16:3 (NASB)

3 Commit your works to the LORD And your plans will be established.

C. Commitment, to God’s people - Commitment to God means a commitment to his people. Believers are meant to be nourished and supported by the church, and to work towards its edification.

1) Commitment to the church

Acts 2:42 (NASB)

42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Ephesians 4:3–4 (NASB95)

3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

2) Commitment to other Christians is an expression of love made known in Christ - John 13:34–35

3) Such commitment is expressed in mutual responsibility and concern

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NASB)

24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **25** not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

4) For its leaders, commitment to the church may prove a joy and a burden - 1 Peter 5:1–3

Acts 20:28 (NASB)

28 “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Timothy 3:1 (NASB)

1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.

Hebrews 13:17 (NASB)

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

CLOSING - Definition of “DUTY”

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