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**G**reetings wonderful disciples  
of Jesus Christ!

It has been some years since  
I somehow noticed a spiritual  
relationship between the New  
Testament verses of Romans  
12:1-2 and also Hebrews 12: 1-2

These two sets of “12:1-2”  
have always been some of my  
favourite Bible verses. Let’s  
have a look at these two sets  
and maybe go on to explore  
others!

### **Romans 12 verse 1**

I appeal to you therefore,  
brethren, *and* beg of you in  
view of [all] the mercies of God,  
to make a decisive dedication  
of your bodies [presenting all  
your members and faculties]  
as a living sacrifice, holy  
(devoted, consecrated) and well  
pleasing to God, which is your  
reasonable (rational, intelligent)  
service *and* spiritual worship.

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this  
world (this age), [fashioned  
after and adapted to its external,  
superficial customs], but be  
transformed (changed) by the  
[entire] renewal of your mind  
[by its new ideals and its new  
attitude], so that you may prove  
[for yourselves] what is the  
good and acceptable and perfect  
will of God, *even* the thing which  
is good and acceptable and  
perfect [in His sight for you].

*These two verses in Romans  
12:1-2 are very powerful. This  
is a call from God to make a  
‘decisive decision’, as well as  
making a living sacrifice of  
our lives to Jesus Christ. In  
the second verse, this is the  
thunderous call to be fully  
dropped out of all worldly things,  
events, fashions, trends and to  
let our minds be completely  
renewed and able to receive the  
New Life God has for us all, and  
thus find His perfect will for us. If  
we don’t DO these two verses, we  
can never make it as far as God  
and Jesus wants us to go in this  
short earthly life!*

*I suggest it is exceedingly  
worthwhile to memorise these  
verses I am sharing today. The  
power of the verses will help  
‘renew your mind’*

*Let’s look at Hebrews 12:1-2*

# THE 12:1-2 SITUATIONS.



### **Hebrews 12**

Therefore then, since we are  
surrounded by so great a cloud  
of witnesses [who have borne  
testimony to the Truth], let us  
strip off and throw aside every  
encumbrance (unnecessary  
weight) and that sin which so  
readily (deftly and cleverly)  
clings to and entangles us,  
and let us run with patient  
endurance and steady and  
active persistence the appointed  
course of the race that is set  
before us,

2 Looking away [from all that  
will distract] to Jesus, Who  
is the Leader and the Source  
of our faith [giving the first  
incentive for our belief] and is  
also its Finisher [bringing it to  
maturity and perfection]. He,  
for the joy [of obtaining the  
prize] that was set before Him,  
endured the cross, despising  
and ignoring the shame, and is

now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

*The 'witnesses' the author is talking about in verse one, are all the multitude of great saints (some named in the previous chapter), who have gone on to glory before us. They surround us like a cloud, rooting for us to stay faithful and become all we can be for God.*

*We have to throw off all sins and weights that the world and the devil love to weigh us down with. This second verse shows us to follow all that Jesus Himself went through on the earth, and to despise the shame and reach Jesus' own goal to sit with the Father, by being successfully able to transition out of this world. If we want to be disciples, we have to follow the Master in His attitudes and reactions to 'the world'!*

*So I see quite a clear relationship between these two sets of verses which speak similar things into my heart.*

*Now it is a funny thing, that today is actually June 12, I am not a believer in Numerology in the Bible but very occasionally some verses or things do look similar and have similar numbers. However this is not a doctrine at all.*

*But the Devotional which I use almost daily by C.H. Spurgeon, has this to say today. He is also talking about 'dropping out, separating and being blessed and living closer to God this way.*

**Deuteronomy 33:28** Israel then

shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

*The more we dwell alone, the more safe shall we be. God would have His people separate from sinners. His call to them is, "Come ye out from among them." A Christian world is such a monstrosity as the Scriptures never contemplate. A worldly Christian is spiritually diseased. Those who compromise with Christ's enemies may be reckoned as part of them.*

*Our safety lies, not in making terms with the enemy, but dwelling alone with our Best Friend. If we do this, we shall dwell in safety, despite the sarcasms, the slanders, and the sneers of the world. We shall be safe from the baleful influence of*



*its unbelief, its pride, its vanity, its filthiness.*

*God will also make us dwell in safety alone in that day when sin shall be visited on the nations by wars and famines.*

*The Lord brought Abram from Ur of the Chaldees, but he stopped half way. He had no blessing till, having set out to go to the land of Canaan, to the land of Canaan he came. He was safe even in the midst of foes. Lot was not safe in Sodom though in a circle of*

*friends.*

*Our safety is in dwelling apart with God.*

*Amen. These are all fascinating messages and I pray you will enjoy and meditate on all these points above! Praise the Lord,*

*Love Jerry for the WCF Team!*

*Further reading. Well, just for fun, I went through my Bible yesterday and out of interest, I picked out quite a few more "12:1-2 verses across the Bible. Again I am not recommending Numerology, but many of these verses are very 'spiritually feeding'*

## **Acts 12**

*About that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to afflict and oppress and torment some who belonged to the church (assembly).*

*2 And he killed James the brother of John with a sword;*

*3 And when he saw that it was pleasing to the Jews, he proceeded further and arrested Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread [the Passover week].*

## **Genesis 12**

*Now [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you.*

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favours] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].

3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and [a]curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].

### Isaiah 12

And in that day you will say, I will give thanks to You, O Lord; for though You were angry with me, Your anger has turned away, and You comfort me.

2 Behold, God, my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and song; yes, He has become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

1 Samuel 12 And Samuel said to

all Israel, I have listened to you in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you.

2 And now, behold, the king walks before you. And I am old and gray, and behold, my sons are with you. And I have walked before you from my childhood to this day.

3 Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and Saul His anointed. Whose ox or donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded or oppressed? Or from whose hand have I received any bribe to blind my eyes? Tell me and I will restore it to you.

1 Chronicles 12 These are the ones who came to David at Ziklag, while he yet concealed himself because of Saul son of Kish; they were among the mighty men, his helpers in war.

2 They were bowmen and could use the right hand or the left to sling stones or shoot arrows from the bow; they were of Saul's kinsmen of Benjamin.

2 Chronicles 12 12 When Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him.

2 And in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, because they had transgressed and been unfaithful to the Lord, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem

3 With 1,200 chariots and 60,000 horsemen, and the people were without number who came with him from Egypt—the Libyans, Sukkiim, and Ethiopians.

2 Kings 12: 12 In the seventh year of Jehu, Joash began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 Joash did right in the sight of the Lord all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

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