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- 1. What level of existence do I consider myself to be on? Why? Where do I want to be? What can I do to get there if I am not there already?
- 2. Take a decision you are contemplating currently in your life and apply the steps for knowing God's will. What did you find? Where are you in the process? Should you move forward with more steps?

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Romans 12:1-2

Thought:

Tuesday – Romans 12:3

Thought:

Wednesday – Romans 12:4-5

Thought:

Thursday – Romans 12:6-8

Thought:

Friday – Proverbs 3:5-6

Thought:

Saturday – Acts 9:1-16

Sunday – "What Determines Ministry?"

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Romans 12:1-8

I. **Present myself** – 12:1

- a. Because of God's mercy
- b. God uses our bodies to accomplish His earthly purpose for our life.
- c. I am holy & pleasing because of Christ
- d. What is my act of worship? Ministry

II. **Prepare myself** – 12:2

- a. Do not conform to the world's thinking
- b. Three levels of existence:
 - i. Survival mode I just exist
 - ii. <u>Success mode</u> I exist for material gain, pleasure, position
 - iii. <u>Significance mode</u> I exist to accomplish God's purpose
- c. Discern God's will
 - i. Complete surrender Romans 12:2
 - ii. Confer with your heart Ps. 37:4
 - iii. Conform to God's Word Ps. 119:105
 - iv. Confident steps Ps. 37:23-24; Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:9
- III. Personally Evaluate myself 12:3
 - a. SHAPE
- IV. **Partner with others** 12:4-5
- V. **Put my gifts to work** 12:6-8

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PERSONAL APPLICATION
Review the main lesson outline briefly