

14. How are you praying for ABC this week?



Message #84: Living Sacrifice

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### Quotes to Ponder

*It is not only what we can give that God demands;  
He demands the giver.*

Douglas Moo

*How is the body ... to become a sacrifice? Let the eye look on no evil thing,  
and it hath become a sacrifice; let thy tongue speak nothing filthy, and it  
hath become an offering; let thine hand do no lawless deed, and it hath  
become a whole burnt offering.*

Chrysostom

*Sacrifices of dead animals are no longer acceptable to God. Because the  
Lamb of God was sacrificed in their place, the redeemed of the Lord are  
now to offer themselves, all that they are and have, as living sacrifices.*

John MacArthur

*We are redeemed by the Lord for the purpose of consecrating ourselves  
and all our members to Him.*

John Calvin

*The true driving force in authentic Christian living is, and ever must be, not  
the hope of gain, but the heart of gratitude.*

J.I. Packer

*A living sacrifice means every day, every hour, every moment, right now  
you have to deliberately, consciously, continually, and perpetually offer  
yourself to God. It's constant. It's never over.*

Timothy Keller

*We have the idea that we can dedicate our gifts to God. However, you  
cannot dedicate what is not yours. There is actually only one thing you can  
dedicate to God, and that is your right to yourself. If you will give God your  
right to yourself, He will make a holy experiment out of you—and His ex-  
periments always succeed. The one true mark of a saint of God is the inner  
creativity that flows from being totally surrendered to Jesus Christ.*

Oswald Chambers

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. How does this sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?

3. Is *Romans 12:1* a command or a suggestion? Explain. How does *Philemon 8-9* help you in your understanding?

4. What are we to present to God (*Romans 12:1*)? What does this include?

5. What do the following verses teach about our bodies and what we should be doing with them?

*Psalms 139:13-16* —

*2 Corinthians 4:10* —

*Romans 6:12-13* —

*2 Corinthians 5:10* —

*Romans 10:15* —

*Ephesians 4:28-29* —

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20* —

*Philippians 1:20* —

*1 Corinthians 9:27* —

*Hebrews 13:15-16* —

6. Why should all Christians be *living and holy sacrifices* (*Romans 12:1*)?

7. What is involved in being a *living and holy sacrifice* (*Romans 12:1*)?

8. When you offer yourself to God as a living sacrifice, what are you doing according to *Romans 12:1*?

9. What do the following verses add to your understanding of being a living sacrifice?

*Luke 9:23-24* —

*Philippians 3:10* —

*Galatians 2:20* —

*Colossians 3:3-5* —

*Galatians 5:24* —

*2 Timothy 2:11* —

10. Do you desire to be a living sacrifice but it just seems too hard and you know you'll fail, so why bother trying? Do you think Paul wants you to feel defeated? Or do you think his desire was to empower you to grow spiritually?

11. Where can you turn in *Romans 1-11* to find encouragement to continue to present your body as a living sacrifice?

12. Will God condemn you when you take yourself off of the altar? Why or why not?

13. What things in your life are you holding back from God? What will it take to get you to present all things as a living sacrifice?