

## Living Sacrifices Unto The Lord

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### Romans 12:1

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, **to present your bodies as a LIVING SACRIFICE** (*offering, victim*), **holy and acceptable to God, which is your SPIRITUAL** (*divinely reasonable*) **WORSHIP** (*service rendered to God*)."

### Colossians 3:22

22 **Bondservants**, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, **not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers**, but with sincerity of heart, **fearing the Lord**.

23 **Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,**

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. **You are serving the Lord Christ.**

25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

### Ephesians 6:5-8

5 **Bondservants**, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, **not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,**

7 **rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,**

8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

### WHEN YOU DO WHATSOEVER YOU DO AS TO THE LORD:

#### 1. IT BRINGS JOY AND ENTHUSIASM TO EVERYTHING YOU DO

##### Colossians 3:23

23 **Whatever you do, work HEARTILY** (*wholeheartedly, enthusiastically*), **as for the Lord and not for men,**

##### Colossians 3:17

"And **whatever you do**, in word or deed, **do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God the Father through him.**"

#### 2. A SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE IS ON EVERYTHING YOU DO

##### Daniel 1:8-20

8 But **Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself** with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.

9 And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs,

10 and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king."

11 Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 "Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see."

14 So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days.

15 **At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food.**

16 So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

17 As for these four youths, **God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.**

18 At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king spoke with them, and **among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king.**

20 And **in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.**

### 3. IT SETS YOU FREE FROM THE FEAR OF MAN

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Proverbs 29:25 "The fear of man lays a snare, but **whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.**"

#### Matthew 6:24

"**No one can serve two masters,** for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

### 4. SETS YOU FREE FROM TURMOIL & STRIFE TO RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL

#### Romans 12:17-21

17 **Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.**

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

19 **Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God,** for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

20 To the contrary, **"if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."**

21 **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

### 5. ACTIVATES THE STRENGTH AND POWER OF GOD

#### Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

31 but **they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**