

Sacrifice

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Introduction

1. Romans 12:1-2; [2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#)
2. The greatest things of life are accomplished through sacrifice:
 - a. Salvation
 - b. Parent care for a child
 - c. A good occupation
 - d. A Christian life
3. With a sacrifice there must be a purpose, why sacrifice
4. With a sacrifice there must be a plan, how are you going to sacrifice
5. Let us study our purpose and our plan in our Christian life

II Discussion

1. Our Purpose is:
 - a. To glorify God 1 Corinthians 6:20; Ephesians 3:21; 1 Peter 4:16
 - i. This is done by our giving 2 Corinthians 9:13
 - ii. We are to give of ourselves first
 - b. To keep oneself unspotted from the world James 1:27
 - i. This is done by walking in the light 1 John 1:7
 - ii. The church if filled with unspotted people Ephesians 5:27
 - c. To go into the entire world with the Gospel Mark 16:15-16
 - i. This is done by our talking to others 2 Timothy 2:2
 - ii. Song, "You never mentioned him to me"
 - iii. Illustration from McGarvey's sermon on giving
 - d. To live faithful until death Revelation 2:10
 - i. This is done by dying in the Lord Revelation 14:13
 - ii. Abraham is called faithful not perfect Galatians 3:9
2. Our plan is:
 - a. To Give 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
 - i. Time
 - ii. Ability
 - iii. Money
 - b. To walk in the light 1 John 1:7
 - i. Must know The Light
 - c. To talk to others 2 Timothy 2:2
 - i. Come and see
 - ii. Come worship with me
 - d. To die in the Lord Galatians 3:26-27
 - i. All spiritual blessings are in the Lord Ephesians 1:3

Conclusion

1. Have you accepted the purpose laid down by God for each of us to have?
2. Are you willing to follow the plan that is laid out for us by God to follow?
3. If you have not in the past now is the time to start
4. If you have started but stopped for some reason now is the time for beginning again!

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