



give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. {17} The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart; These, O God, You will not despise."
(1 Corinthians 13:3) "... though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."



Consider the value of the human hand. The brilliant surgeon Dr. Paul Brand, in describing operations performed on the hand, said, "I don't know of a single operation anyone has devised that has succeeded in improving a normal hand. It's beautiful."

This time, give God something beautiful. Offer Him not just your heart, but your hands, body, spirit, mind-your entire being!

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
 If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;
 Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart AND body*

Jesus gave us all He had; we must give Him all we have.



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What to Give the Lord



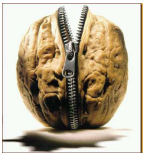
In Romans 12:1, the apostle Paul applied the truths of what he had already written to the followers of Jesus in Rome. He said, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice." He also urged us to keep our bodies from sinning and to avoid the world's corruption by renewing our minds (v.2).

We are often told to give our hearts or our

lives to Christ. So why did Paul call attention to our bodies?

If we are to carry out God's will, it will be with our bodies. Every pastor has members who say, "I won't be in the service next Sunday; ... But I'll be there in spirit." Unfortunately, their "spirit" will contribute nothing to the atmosphere of praise and worship.

We offer God our bodies as a response to His love. The body is a gift worthy of God.



Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

Spiritual Worship

In Romans 12:1 Paul answers two questions in regard to spiritual worship:

1. What does spiritual worship _____,? Verse 1

(Romans 12:1) "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship." [translation]

(Romans 12:1) "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." [translation]

(1 Peter 2:5) "you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

(1 Peter 2:9) "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, ... that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

There are five _____ of spiritual worship in this verse:

◆ T _____

(Leviticus 1:2-3) "'... 'When any one of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of the livestock; ... {3} If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will ...'"

(Leviticus 1:9) "... And the priest shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, ..."

(Luke 14:26-27) "'If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. {27} And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

(Luke 14:33) "'So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."

◆ L _____

(1 Corinthians 15:31) "... I die daily."

(Philippians 1:21) "For to me, to live is Christ, ..."



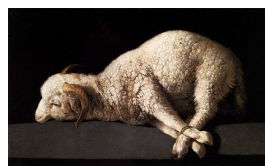
◆ S _____

(1 Chronicles 21:24) "... I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing."

(Philippians 2:17) "Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all."

(Philippians 4:18) "... I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you..., an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God."

◆ H _____



(Exodus 12:5) "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year...."

(2 Peter 2:12-14) "But these, like natural brute beasts ..., {13} ... are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, {14} having eyes full of adultery"

(2 Peter 2:20-21) "For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. {21} For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them."

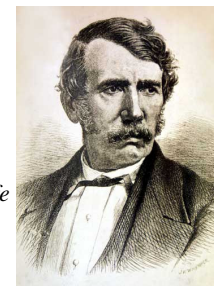
(2 Peter 2:3) "... and their destruction does not slumber."

◆ D _____

(Hebrews 10:11) "And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins."

(Matthew 10:39) "'He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."

(Mark 10:29-30) "So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, {30} "who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time; houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life."



2. What is the _____ spiritual worship?

Verses 1, 1:6-7, 3:21-22, 24, 4:5, 5:1-2, 5

In Romans 12:1 Paul gives three _____ factors to give ourselves to spiritual worship:

- ◆ God's _____
- ◆ God's _____
- ◆ To _____ God

(Psalms 51:16-17) "For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would

