

Dangers To A Sacrificial Life

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And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. [Romans 12:1-2 \(NLT\)](#)

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. [Romans 12:3 \(NLT\)](#)

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. [Romans 12:4-8 \(NLT\)](#)

"The man who loves God for His gifts, and not for Himself, is rather a lover of himself than of God" – Bernard of Clairvaux (On Loving God, Chapter XV)

...the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

[Revelation 4:10-11 \(ESV\)](#)

Are we casting crowns or collecting them?

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

[Psalm 55:22 \(ESV\)](#)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. [1 Peter 5:6-7 \(ESV\)](#)

Are we collecting our crowns and cares or casting them?

Talk It Over

1. What crowns or cares is the Holy Spirit calling you to cast to Jesus in this season?

2. What lies or half-truths about yourself do you need to cast to Jesus? What truth(s) do you need to renew your mind with so that you can start seeing yourself the way He sees you?

For your own notes:

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—James 2//**Tuesday**—James 3

Wednesday—James 4//**Thursday**—James 5

Friday—Romans 1//**Saturday**—Romans 2

Sunday—Romans 3

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Service Times:

Saturday @ 6:15pm

Sunday @ 10:00am + 11:45am + 1:30pm

