

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of [our] lips, giving thanks to His name. (Hebrews 13:15 NKJV)

The sacrifice of praise is giving up what we feel in order to honor what is true about God.

Continual praise is not about feeling better; it is about believing better.

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (Hebrews 13:16 NKJV)

Generosity is the visible proof that we believe God is more trustworthy than our possessions.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9 NKJV)

Jesus—owner and Creator of all—emptied Himself—became nothing.

He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given. (Proverbs 19:17 NKJV)

God has a repayment plan.

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38 NKJV)

**When you give to God's kingdom, you're not losing;
you're investing in the only economy that never fails.**

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. (Hebrews 13:17 NKJV)

He addresses the relationship between believers and their leaders.

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. (1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV)

Church leaders are not autonomous; they answer to God for how they've cared for His people.

The way you respond to leadership either multiplies or diminishes the leader's effectiveness in God's kingdom.

Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge [you] to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. (Hebrews 13:18-19 NKJV)

This is a statement of profound faith in the power of prayer.

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run [swiftly] and be glorified, just as [it is] with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 NKJV)

Prayer is not a last resort; it is the primary tool through which God's purposes are advanced in the world.

Prayerlessness is the fruit of unbelief about prayer's power.

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom [be] glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21 NKJV)

God's peace, God's power, and God's purpose all flow through the blood of Jesus Christ.

"The Christian life is not about what we do for God; it's about what God does in us and through us."

And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words. Know that [our] brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly. Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you. Grace [be] with you all. Amen. (Hebrews 13:22-25 NKJV)

***The Christian life begins with grace, continues with grace, and ends with grace.
Everything we are called to do flows from what God has already done for us in Christ.***

We're not called to sacrifice cause we're trying to earn God's favor
Our sacrifices are responses to His grace.