

**Oct. 22, 2017**  
**Good to Great in God's Eyes**

**Great Christians Make Great Sacrifices**

To be the greatest Christian we can be we need to be:

1. Thinking Right Thoughts
2. Reading Great Books
3. Pursuing Great People
4. Dreaming Great Dreams
5. Praying Great Prayers
6. Taking Great Risks
7. Making Great Sacrifices

I. Why sacrifices?

Jesus did, and we are to be like him.

1 John 2:6 NIV

Peter 2:21 NIV

Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV

John 13:13-15 NIV

As a response to God's love and mercy - *Romans 12:1 NIV*  
*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

The degree of sacrifice will be directly proportionate to the degree of influence and the degree of reward. 2 Cor. 9:6

II. What is significant about our sacrifices?

1<sup>st</sup> and Best

Exodus 34:26

Proverbs 3:9-10

Leviticus 22:20-21

Deuteronomy 15:21

2 Timothy 2:15 ESV

III. How do we get our hearts to a place of sacrifice?

1. Dwell on the goodness and love of God.

Psalm 100:5 NIV *For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

2. Consider the Mercy of God. Micah 7:18-20 NIV

*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.*

3. Consider the sacrifice Christ made for you.

Hebrews 12:3 NIV Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

4. Joshua 25:15 Make a \_\_\_\_\_ to give our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

IV. Where we sacrifice:

Finances

Time

Prayer

Fasting

Service

Relationships