

Worship Bible Study VI: A Charge to Keep I Have – Romans 12:1-8

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Getting Ready: Modern Christians tend to associate sacrifice in worship with “pagan” religions. Yet, the sacrifices that Biblical Jews and Biblical Christians performed were their offerings. Monetary offerings didn’t become the norm until the world economy shifted from being an agricultural one to a monetary one.

Vocabulary Blitz: What do each of the following terms mean?

A. Holy -

B. Conformed -

C. Grace -

Getting Deep:

1) A sacrifice is not just something that we give up. It’s something that we offer to God as a sign of our love and commitment to God. Does that definition of the word “sacrifice” adjust your concept of what it means to “present yourself to God as a living sacrifice?”

2) Paul’s charge to us and the church at Rome is that we do what we need to do to be able to tell the difference between that which pleases and that which displeases God. What are kinds of things can we do to renew our minds and ensure that we can properly “discern” what pleases God?

3) After reading today’s lesson, do you believe that a follower of God through Jesus Christ effectively use the gifts of ministry s/he has been given if s/he can tell what pleases God? What are some Biblical examples of individuals who support your answer?

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- 4) Go back over today's lesson. Do you think it's suggesting that presenting ourselves to God is a one-time act that occurs when we publicly declare that we're accepting Jesus Christ as Savior or do you think is something that we have to do repeatedly? How does the lesson support your answer?

- 5) Is the worship described in today's lesson limited to what occurs inside church buildings each week?

- 6) Some Christian fellowships downplay the role of the mind in worship and praise. Some others downplay the role of an emotional response in worship and praise. How might today's lesson help someone understand that whole Christians are thinking and feeling beings who don't sacrifice one to embrace the other?
