



“The Difficult & Immense Call to Sacrifice” Part 1

Romans 12:1-13

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Sacrifice – to surrender or give up, or permit injury or disadvantage to, for the sake of something else. (*Dictionary.com*)

to give up something useful or important that you choose not to do or have, in order to have something that is more important: (*Cambridge English Dictionary*)

Our call is to sacrifice our lives Vs 1-2

We must have right relationship with the Lord

- We must give our lives as a holy and living sacrifice Vs 1
- We must not be conformed by our culture Vs 2a
- We must be transformed by renewing our mind Vs 2b

Our call is to sacrifice in service to others Vs 3-8

We must have a right thinking about ourselves

- We must be humble and honest about ourselves Vs 3
- We must understand that all have us a special place in the body Vs 4
- We must use the gifts that God has given us to build up the body Vs 5-8

Our call to sacrifice is confirmed by our lives Vs 9-13

We must be in a right relationship with others

- We must be willing to love authentically Vs 9a,10
- We must hate wrong and love good Vs 9b
- We must be passionate in serving Vs 11
- We must persevere through trials Vs 12

- We must be generous & hospitable Vs 13

Our Response:

1. Do you think that our world really understands that word sacrifice? Why or why not? What does sacrifice mean to you? What does it mean to the Lord? How did He demonstrate that to us?
2. What does it mean and why it is important that we are called to be a living and holy sacrifice?
3. What are some ways that the world tries to squeeze (conform) you into its mold? In light of that, how do you need to be transformed?
4. Why do you need to think rightly about yourself when you are relating to the chaos in this world? What difference will that make?
5. Name some of the evidence in your life that shows that you love Jesus and care about others... Look at the list on the 3rd point. Which ones are you doing well and which ones do you need to improve upon? Write down or share some ways that you can do that this week as you encounter others.