

A Suitable Sacrifice

Lesson 7

Our Reasonable Service

The Teacher's Preparation

Scripture Passages to Study: Romans 12

Study Guide: Read "A Suitable Sacrifice: Our Reasonable Service" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 1*.

Lesson Objective: If you consider what Christ has done for you, then spending the rest of your life on earth dedicated to Him is the very least you can do.

Lesson Application: I can be a living sacrifice and make every part of me do only those things that would please God.

Memory Verse: Romans 12:1



"THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART..."

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

—Romans 12:1

The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Make it Count

Teacher Tips

Remember
the concerns
of your
students.
It will show
them that you
really care.

The Teacher's Lesson Plan

Materials:

A Sentimental Keepsake

Bring with you something that you have kept over the years because of its sentimental value. Perhaps you have a craft or card that a child has created for you or an item that holds value to only you and the giver.

What You Could Say:

Have you ever heard someone say, "It's the thought that counts" and wondered what he or she meant? Perhaps you already know what it means, but let me explain it to those who may not know. Let us imagine that your mother's (or father's) birthday is next week, and you decide to give her two gifts. The first gift will be a certificate to a local restaurant, and the second gift will be a picture frame made of old Popsicle sticks and scraps of ribbon. You will spend \$10 on the certificate and about 5 minutes waiting in line to purchase it. For the picture frame, you will spend about an hour each day for six days eating Popsicles, scavenging for nice pieces of ribbon, and gluing the pieces together. Which gift do you think your mother will appreciate more—the gift certificate or the picture frame? Your mother would love both gifts; but she would treasure the picture frame for many, many years. The thought behind the picture frame makes it worth more than any gift certificate. [Tell the class about the keepsake you brought with you and what it means to you.]

As you begin or continue to serve God, make sure that everything for Him "counts." Which person would please our Lord more—someone who places \$100 in the offering plate but regrets it or someone who places his last \$10 in the offering plate but is glad about it? Today, in our lesson, we will learn what pleases God as we serve Him.

Teacher's Notes

You really can
change the world
if you care
enough.

—Marion Wright
Edelman