

VI-What did Paul beseech the brethren to do? Dead sacrifices offered under O.T. Sacrifice presented by offerer, who transferred all right, title, & interest in it by laying his hand on head of it. How serious is the matter of presenting our bodies as sacrifice??

What should be our incentive ~~for~~ to each one to serve God? His mercy to us.

Presenting our bodies implies avoiding sins committed with or AGAINST THE BODY, and using our bodies in service of God, the duty of worship, willing to suffer with our bodies etc.

Our bodies are temples of what?

WHAT is meant by reasonable service? Since we are redeemed from death by blood of Christ it is reasonable that we give our lives to rendering service to God.

Do our bodies as well as spirits belong to God.?

V 2- How are we transformed?

Mind directed by Christian teachings.

Fashioned acc. to this world?

Lusts of flesh, eyes, pride of life. Ease, luxury, love of pleasure, money, desire for popularity.

PROVE WHAT IS GOOD, ETC. Test by experience what the will of God will do toward making us happy.

V 3- GRACE GIVEN TO ME - inspiration of sp.
Not to think too highly of self- either
spiritual gift, or natural abilities.
Humble oneself to be exalted.

GOD HATH DEALT TO EACH MAN MEASURE OF
FAITH. Not faith which comes from hearing
word, but faith given in apostolic day to
enable them to perform miracles to confirm
word. "If I have all faith so as to
move mountains, & have not love, etc."
No matter in what degree this faith is given
it is divine gift of God, and not to be
boasted of.

V 4- How many members of church have an
"office"? Each member performs a different
work & fills his office.

How is word "office" used in the church?
Always in regard to work to be done.
"work of evangelist", work of elder, etc.

V 6- PROPHECY ACC. TO PROPORTION OF FAITH.
Paul admonishes not to go beyond the gift
bestowed upon them, not to seek to tell
more than revealed. Applies today to
us, not to teach or go beyond what is re-
vealed in scriptures. Not teach what their
own wisdom suggests.

V 7- OR MINISTRY- Minister means servant,
used with reference to deacons or any who
serve the congregation. Must be faithful
& diligent in the business for which he
is fitted.

HE THAT TEACHETH- there were specially
gifted teachers in church, admonished to
work diligently acc. to their gift.

V 8- Exhorteth - power of persuading & encouraging others to work, counseling, comforting, consoling. Peculiar & useful talent. Barnabas was gifted with this talent.

GIVETH- with singleness of heart, not in pretentious manner, to be seen of men.

RULETH- either in affairs of church, or in ones home & children.

SHOWETH MERCY. Cheerfulness in showing mercy seems to double its value. One to whom mercy is shown will be more ready to receive spiritual counsel & advise.

9.- Love without hypocrisy- Sincere. Feigned love is hate disguised. Love was so prevalent & so characterized early church, that those who did not have it were tempted to simulate it, pretend it.

ABHOR EVIL- as deadly poison. In SELF as well as others.

Abhorring wrong does not mean hate wrongdoer. If we hate wrong enough, & love ourselves, we will seek to deliver ourselves from that wrongdoing. *test our-selves*

V 10- LOVE OF BRETHREN- enjoined. This is badge of discipleship. John 13:35.

Prefer one another-Seek to confer honor on brother, rather than to take it to ourselves. Lead in showing honor to others, not wait for others to show it to us.

V 11- In all business, Christian should be vigilant, performing it well. Idleness is

disorderly walk, & condemned in both O. & N. E.

Our general attitude

V 12- REJOICING IN HOPE- A despondent, complaining, doleful spirit that always sees evil is not in accord with divine will.

Shows what we think most important

In what must we be patient? *tribulation*
In so doing, our characters are perfected,
fitted to dwell with God.

CONTINUING IN PRAYER- in sufferings & trials
in peace & prosperity.

V 13- COMMUNICATING- As God has blessed us,
we must use out blessings to help others.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to Jehovah"
"Depart, ye cursed". *Matt 25*

GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY.- Espicially needful
then, when Christians often driven from homes
by persecution. Friendly attitude builds
good will for Christ.

V 14- Bless them which persecute- Matt 5:44,
To do person good is to do that which
will benefit him, help him become better.

It is not always what will please or gratify
him, but what will help him.

V 15- REJOICE * WHELP- Kindly, brotherly
sympathy with others, in joys & sorrows.
Donot envy prosperous, but rejoice with them.
This is becoming all things to all men.

V 16- BE OF SAME MIND-No discord, disagree-
ments.

SET NOT YOUR MIND ON HIGH THINGS-

Christians generally poor & of lower rank,
not to seek for ourselves high society &
rank, pride & display. High society &
Christianity donot mix.

BE NOT WISE IN OWN CONCEITS- puffed up with
sense of own wisdom, refuse to listen to
counsel of others.

V 17- RENDER TO NO MAN EVIL FOR EVIL-
Christ our example. Probably most difficult.

TAKE THOUGHT FOR THINGS HONORABLE- ^{in sight of men} Where

God & world antagonistic, God must be
obeyed, & we should be indifferent to
what world thinks. 1 Peter 4:13-4

But world waits & watches Christians to see
if they are governed by precepts of Christ,
& we should be careful of our acts before
others. "I don't care what people
think" - Beer can - #14.

V 18- LIVE PEACABLY- Use all means in our
power to live peaceably with all men. Sac-
rifice anything, except truth & right. Paul's
life shows that it was not always possible.

We are to begin no quarrels, & if they
do, we seek to make peace, always manifest
spirit of Christ.

V 19- AVENGE NOT SELVES,- Vengeance belongs
to duly ordained courts, or to God himself.
Paul practiced this. He several times claim-
ed the rights of Roman citizen to shield him
from unlawful punishment, but he never prose-
cuted his persecutors for wrongs they inflicted
on him.

20- Why should we do good to our enemies?
To overcome evil, by making friends of them.

When evil done to us leads us to do evil in return, we are overcome of evil. If we allow ourselves to be provoked to revenge, we yield to enemy, are overcome by evil.

Whether we overcome evil in enemy by doing good, we have at least overcome evil in ourselves.