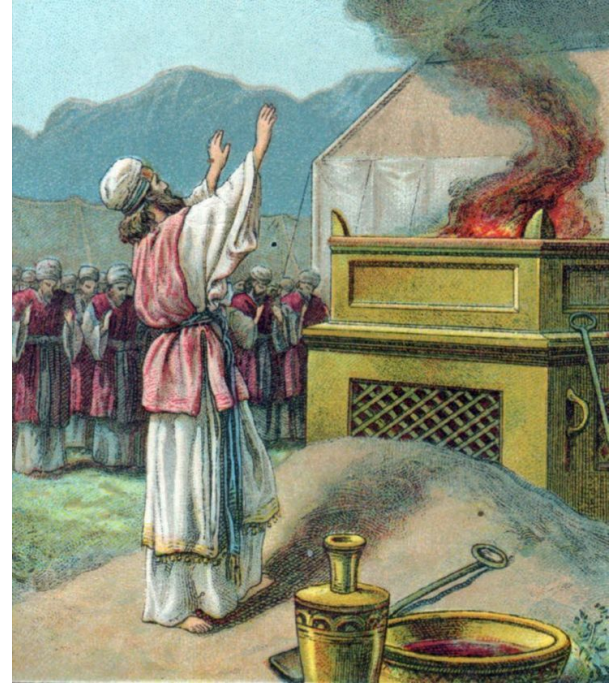

Living Sacrifice

— Romans 12: 1-2 —

How to be Living Sacrifices

- A sacrifice is an offering of material possessions or lives as an act of worship towards God.
- The Lord Jesus became the greatest sacrifice when he offered Himself upon the cross to die for our sins
- We too need to be sacrifices by giving up (offering) our material possessions/ time to spend it with the Lord
- We can be living sacrifices to the Lord by presenting ourselves to the Lord, obeying and honoring our parents, and reading God's word



Deuteronomy 6:5-9

- If a person wants to plant a seed to bring them fruit, the seed must first break within the earth so that it can bear fruit (John 12:24)
- Like that we as children of God need to be broken and changed in order to bear fruit of the Lord
- Our parents and elders have been planting the seed, the Word of God, in our lives since we were born
- We need to allow for the Word that has been given to us to take root and bear fruit in our lives (Ephesians 2:10)



Ephesians 6:1-3

- Children need to obey their parents because it is right
- Satan is in the air tries to hinder us from taking root in the word of God by giving us distractions (Ephesians 2:2)
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James 2:20,22,26

- We need to work for our faith
- There needs to be action in our lives to show that we are following Christ
- Faith (believing) without works (actions) is dead
- What are some actions that we can take to show that we are following Christ?
 - Ephesians 6:1-3
 - Romans 12: 1-2
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What We Can Do...

- In the morning we can present ourselves to the Lord on our knees and tell the Lord that “I am here” to do what you want
 - We can ask the Lord to help us and give us the strength throughout the day to live a life that is pleasing to Him
- We need to read our Bible to hear what the Lord wants to say to us
 - Psalms 119:9; Psalms 119:105; Psalms 119:11

What We Can Do...

- Obey our parents with the help of the Lord
 - It is impossible to live a Christian life without the Lord, that is why we need to first in the morning present our lives to the Lord
- Honor our parents
 - We should not just simply obey our parents but also honor them. We need to have respect our parents and not be angry with them
 - We need to ask the Lord to “live His life through me Lord”

Summary

- Present and pray and offer our life until the Lord in the morning
- Read the Word of God to stand steadfast with Him
- Obey and Honor our parents for it is right