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Series



ROMANS 12:1 (niv)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers,
in view of God's mercy, to
offer your bodies as living
sacrifices, holy and pleasing
to God - this is your spiritual
act of worship.



Romans 12:1 (msg)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.



Sacrifice was important, but even in the Old Testament God made it clear that obedience from the heart was much more important.



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A living sacrifice is a
daily choice of the heart.



We offer ourselves out of an attitude of gratitude, because God gave Jesus as a sacrifice for us so we can be made friends again with God.



Being a living sacrifice
means we don't die once, but
every day, and in every way!



A living sacrifice is all
about obeying God in
everything we do.



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True worship is obeying
Jesus wholeheartedly in
the following ways;



Love

Deuteronomy 6:5 (niv)
Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your
strength.



Love

Matthew 22:37 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."



Trust

Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)

Trust in the LORD with all
your heart; do not depend on
your own understanding.



Seeking Him

Jeremiah 29:13 (niv)

You will seek me and find
me when you seek me
with all your heart.



Repentance

Joel 2:12 (niv)

"Even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and
mourning."



His Teachings

Psalm 119:2 (gw)

Blessed are those who obey His
written instructions. They
wholeheartedly search for Him.



His Teachings

Psalm 119:34 (gw)

Help me understand so that I
can follow your teachings. I will
guard them with all my heart.



Application

The Bible says we tend to do the opposite to what God wants us to do.



ROMANS 8:8 (NJB)

Those who live by their
natural inclinations can
never be pleasing to God.



Being an authentic Christ
follower we are to have the
same attitude as David in;



Psalm 119:33 (tlb)

Just tell me what to do and
I will do it, Lord. As long
as I live I'll wholeheartedly
obey.