

## Homework Week Nine

# Giving Over

Memory Verse:

Philippians 3:10

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

## Word of the Week: Sacrifice

Charles Swindoll, "Christlikeness will express itself through a life of daily sacrifice motivated by love."

This week ask yourself on a daily basis: "Am I cultivating a sacrificial attitude by daily engaging in specific acts of selflessness?"

An offering is a sacrifice with an added element: choice. An offering is a voluntary act of giving up something for the sake of something that is much better.

Sacrifice doesn't come naturally. It's a discipline that requires faith. Faith, that as you give sacrificially, the Almighty will meet your own needs in a very supernatural way. Taste and see that the Lord is good and that His mercies are new every morning.

With Christmas just around the corner, let's consider how we can give gifts of sacrifice this month. Write down three of your most costly possessions:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Begin to pray how these things, be it time, money, family traditions, can be used for God's Kingdom this Holiday season.

Be deliberate in your pursuit as you offer up a sacrifice unto the Lord.

Visit a rest home

Make a special dinner

Baby-sit for a couple, so they can shop together for their children

Volunteer at a shelter

Shop for a shut in

Do some tangible service that connects you with the true spirit of the Living God

Serve, be a servant, Pay it forward to someone less fortunate and experience first hand the joy, God's joy this Christmas.

Taking care of someone else besides yourself and your family brings the magic and splendor of this Holiday season back into perspective.