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Series: Spreading Gospel Seeds in 2017

Today's Message: Gospel Surrendering

⇒ "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us" ~Tozer

Romans 12:1, 2 "Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is..."

Truth: The key to a productive Christian life that will matter forever is not getting more but in _____

"Therefore" - Refers back to Romans 1-11 with all of God's loving mercies that _____ us to gratitude and surrender.

Gospel Surrendering

#1. Your Soul and Body Must Be Sacrificed To God.

Romans 12:1 "... offer your bodies a living sacrifice..."

Matthew 16:26 "For what will a man be profited if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Idea Here: Make your life "a living _____" - an offering of gratitude and praise.

In Our Bodies: Our minds, our emotion's, our wills: our unredeemed humanness still exists.

Problem: A living sacrifice keeps _____ off the altar: sacrifice continual

1 Corinthians 9:27 "No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that... I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."

What This Means:

- * To put to death your _____ to live your life your way.
- * To put to death the idea you _____ what is best to do.
- * To say to God - "You Know best and I don't choose my way anymore."

When We Don't Surrender:

⇒ We show we don't fully believe that God is infinitely wise.

⇒ We show we don't believe that God is infinitely loving.

Romans 11:36 "For from Him and thru Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen"

#2. Living Out The Real Christian Life.

1. It affects all of life and all your body: Romans 1-11 Thought Out.

This "living killing" is dying to self-control every hour—But it brings Real Living!

2. O.T. sacrifices were offered and dead but a “living sacrifice” is over.

Hebrews 3:12, 13 “Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day... so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

3. It affects your Inner Self Life.

Romans 12:3 “... Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought...”

Reality: Don't think too highly but not too lowly either: _____ Christians are gifted to serve.

Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Danger:

* If you only come to church to be served and not to serve - certain people that only you can touch and reach - _____ be changed!

* Too many Christians are passive, missing out on Eternal Fruit.

#3. The Power For Living This Life.

⇒ Many people live “good lives” - loving their neighbors, caring for the poor, being honest.

⇒ **What Makes The Christian Different:** We have a _____ for loving people.

Romans 12:1 “...in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices...”

“God's mercy” Romans 5:5 “the love of God has been poured out within our hearts.”

⇒ When we take our hands off our lives—there is new joy, new life, and new purpose—for God is infinitely wise and infinitely loving.

John 10:18 “No one takes my life from Me, but I lay it down of my own accord.”

Jesus Christ: Surrendered Himself to the Father's will and became a _____ sacrifice—to die for us!

2 Corinthians 5:14, 15 “For Christ's love compels us... He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.”