

DAY TWELVE - FAST AND PRAY JANUARY 13, 2022

“Before God enables His people to bring in a harvest, He pours out a spirit of prayer upon them. The surest sign that God is about to send power upon us is a great movement of prayer in our midst”
- John Piper

You are called to be a living sacrifice. In Romans 12:1, The Apostle Paul says, “*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*” **So, what does a life of sacrifice look like?**

Romans 12:2 says,

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

We are a living sacrifice when we choose not to be *of* the world, *like* the world, *in love with* the world and the things of the world. I John 2:15-16, defines the world to be “*the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.*” Everything the world has to offer falls under these 3 headings. **The lust of the flesh** is our out-of-control appetites for food, drink, sex, and things that bring earthly pleasure in sinful ways. **Lust of the eyes** causes us to covet, desire and pursue things that never satisfy. (We can never get or have enough things!) **The pride of life** puffs us up until we sit on the throne of our own lives.

Conversely, God’s will is that each of us be a living sacrifice for Jesus Christ.

Psalm 1:2–3

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

As we turn our hearts to pray, think about

- What areas of your life do you fall into the lust of the flesh, the eyes, or pride of life?
- How often are you reading God’s Word? Is it as much as you should be?
- Ask God to reveal areas of misplaced love for the world
- Ask God to help you see how you can be a living sacrifice, offering all of yourself, to and for His purpose and His glory.