

Giving Our Best For The Master— 09/25/22

TEXT – Exo 12:5 *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:*

INTRO –Are we giving our best to God? It is a sin to do less than our best.

I. Give God the First

Mat 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

A. Give God the first hour of every day

Prayer and Bible reading

1. Prayer of Praise

2. Prayer of Thanksgiving

3. Prayer of Confession

a. Sins of the Mind

b. Sins of the Tongue

c. Sins of the Flesh

d. Secret sins

e. Sinful Actions

f. Sins of Omission

4. Prayer of Intercession

5. Prayer of Petition

B. The first day of every week

Luke 24:1-6 *Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.*

Act 20:7 *And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.*

1 Co 16:2 *Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*

1. Sunday should be the Lord's Day

Sunday was protected by the blue laws and every place of business was closed.

2. We should be faithful to church

Hebrews 10:24-25 *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

3. We should give ourselves to Spiritual activities

4. It should be a day of rest

C. The first dime of every dollar

Millions of Americans are buying things that they don't need, with money that they don't have, to impress people that they don't like.

Malachi 3:10, 11 *"Bring ye all the TITHES into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and PROVE ME now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."*

Proverbs 3:9, 10 *"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."*

Proverbs 11:25 *"The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."*

Luke 6:38 *"Give, and It shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*

II Cor. 9:6, 7 *He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully . . . God loveth a cheerful giver."*

D. The first consideration in every decision.

Heb 5:12 *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*

2 Co 8:5 *And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.*

Rom 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

II. Give God Your Best

Num 18:29 *Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it.*

Num 18:12 *All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.*

Exo 12:5 *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:*

Howard Grose wrote this hymn to be included in *The Endeavour Hymnal*, a compilation of songs used in meetings of the Christian Endeavour Society. Beginning in Portland, Maine, in 1881, Christian Endeavour was an early youth movement.

The hymn follows the same line of thought. "Give of your *best* to the Master." Not your second best. Not some scraps of your life, tossed to Him after you've had your fill.

Give of your best to the Master;
Give of the strength of your youth;
Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor
Into the battle for truth.

Jesus has set the example,
Dauntless was He, young and brave;
Give Him your loyal devotion;
Give Him the best that you have.

Refrain:

Give of your best to the Master;
Give of the strength of your youth;
Clad in salvation's full armor,
Join in the battle for truth.

- **There is a cost to things valuable**
- **The cost of freedom**
- **The cost of salvation**
- **The cost of the place of sacrifice**

2 Samuel 24:24-25 *And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.*

III. Give God the Glory

- **Do all for His glory**

1 Co 10:31 *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

- **Not I but Christ**

Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

- **God deserves our praise and thanks for everything He has done for us.**

John 9:24 *Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.*

John 17:5 *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

- **Present your life as a living sacrifice**

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