



GOSPEL IMPACT

WHEN IT MOTIVATES SACRIFICE

ACTS 18:18-22

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Acts 18:18 *After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.*

19 *And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.*

20 *When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined.*

21 *But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus. **22** When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. (ESV)*

1. See _____ (v.18a)

2. See _____ (v.18b)

3. See _____ (vv.19-22)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Matthew 4:18-22**; **Luke 5:27-28 & 18:22-24**. Like Paul, these men were called to leave behind their careers when they were called to Christ. Why would you say that this remains a realistic consideration when people become Christians today?
2. Read **Mark 5:15-20** and **1 Corinthians 7:20-24**. Of course, many who become Christians God has already providentially placed in a job, industry, or career where he will best utilize them for his good and glory. How would you advise someone to wisely discern if this is or is not the case?
3. Read **Matthew 6:17-18** and **1 Corinthians 9:25-27**. In what situations have you found that fasting, or purposefully refraining from other rights has helped you grow spiritually or in your ministry to others?
4. Read **Zechariah 7:5-6**; **Colossians 2:20-23** and **Matthew 6:16**. What are wrong reasons for self-deprivation?
5. Read **Mark 1:35-37** and **Matthew 14:23**. What are some benefits for Christians periodically stepping back from the crowds and being alone?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 16-29 – **Worldly Comforts & Godly Sacrifices**

Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

Msg. 12-27 – **Responding to the King of Kings**

Msg. 11-01 – **Crystal Clear About Why We Serve**

Msg. 15-14 – **Workers Who Keep First Things First**

Msg. 15-30 – **Grandiosity**

Msg. 13-13 – **Managing Your Ambitions**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

March 26th Josh. 16-18 & Lk. 5:1-16

March 27th Josh. 19-20 & Lk. 5:17-39

March 28th Josh. 21-22 & Lk. 6:1-26

March 29th Josh. 23-24 & Lk. 6:27-49

March 30th Judg. 1-2 & Lk. 7:1-30

March 31st Judg. 3-5 & Lk. 7:31-50

April 1st Judg. 6-7 & Lk. 8:1-21

April 2nd Judg. 8-9 & Lk. 8:22-56

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self-Image**. Harvest House, 1986.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

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Harris, Murray J. **Slave of Christ: A New Testament Metaphor for Total Devotion to Christ**. InterVarsity, 2001.

Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.

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Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Piper, John. **What Jesus Demands from the World**. Crossway Books, 2006.

Ryle, R. C. **Repentance**. Amazon Digital Services, Inc. 2012.

Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.

Stowell, Joseph. **Perilous Pursuits: Our Obsession with Significance**. Moody Press, 1994.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Thompson, Jeremy. **All the Oaths and Vows in the Bible**. Faithlife, 2021.