

Romans 6:1-7:12-14 (NKJV)

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7For he who has died has been freed from sin. 12Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and vour members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Since we have been united with Christ

- in the likeness of His death; and
- in the likeness of His resurrection

Christians should not continue in sin because they have been united with Christ in His death through baptism and are therefore also united with Him in His resurrection to new life.

- Should Christians remain in sin so that grace may increase?
- No. Christians have died to sin and can no longer live in it.

Christians were baptized into the death of Christ and have therefore died to sin with Him and have been raised to walk in new life.

- Christians have been baptized into the death of Christ.
- Christians have been buried with Christ through baptism into death.
- Christians have been raised with Christ that they might walk in new life.
- Christians have been united with Christ in His death and also similarly in His resurrection.

The old life (sinful life) of Christians was crucified with Christ, and the result releases us from the

dominion of sin.

- The old man was crucified with Christ so that it might no longer dominate us with the result that we remain enslaved to sin.
- Death releases us from sin.

Christians should not let sin reign in their mortal bodies so that they obey its desires.

Christians should present their bodies to God for righteousness and not to sin for unrighteousness.

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A. This commitment is an act of the will.

It isn't automatic. To present ourselves is to make this decision. It is a decision that you must think about rationally and then make. No one else can do it for you. You may have grown up in a Christian home or perhaps you trusted Christ as a child, but as you get older and begin making your own decisions, you have to decide to give your body, your possessions, and your entire life completely to God.

B. This commitment is both initial and ongoing.

To present ourselves as a living sacrifice is the hardest form of sacrifice. In the Old Testament practice, the priest would kill the animal first before burning it up as a sacrifice. One of its reasons is because animals may crawl out of the altar when they feel the burning sensation if they are still alive.

So you have got to keep renewing this commitment. You need to present all of yourself before the actual sacrifice and during the actual sacrifice, until the point of death. As you grow in the Christian life, you become aware of areas in your life that are not yielded to God. So you put those things on the altar. There is a first time when you present your entire life to the Lord and to do whatever He wants you to do. But it is also progressive as you grow to understand more about yourself and God.

C. This commitment involves your body.

Our bodies also include our minds. It includes our eyes and ears, what

Inspired the Lord in the summer of 2020, UCA School Head Rev. Dr. James Sv decided to pursue the education of the students amidst the pandemic.

Remarkable year of

God's faithfulness

wo-thousand and twenty was a year like no other - a year that has been in stillness due to the pandemic. The normal wave of the people's daily lives, their jobs, and various industries had been shut down by the COVID-19 virus. This has brought chaos and confusion to the communities and government institutions, and education was one of the most affected. However, the Lord has been truly faithful in the ministry that he has built. United Christian Academy's vision and mission continues as what the Lord declares. The direction of God has been clear from the beginning and

nothing can hinder this to happen. Strengthened by God, UCA Online was successfully put up in the month of August. The school welcomed over 650 students who started to learn using the school's latest online platform.

UCA also conducted its online orientation to help and assist both the students and parents in this new setup. They had been given different training that helped them in using computers, responding to emails, and even searching online safely. Indeed, God's hands moved incredibly and has blessed and provided for the school.

Planning ahead



Mr. John Cyr Castro

"Because God is with us, all the impossible becomes possible. And that encourages me to act, share the encouragement to other teachers and students to go on in their everyday learning.

In the ocean of uncertainties, the Word

of the Lord remained certain in the hearts of the UCA faculty, staff, and

workers.





to carry out what God has given.





Ms. Samantha Injego

Being a teacher-facilitator was pretty challenging. We need to balance our time in making our lessons, checking the activities, and facilitating the students.

Ms. Sheriewyn Vallido

S.Y. 2020-2021 was a great challenge for every students, teachers and parents. The first challenge is to adjust from face to face teaching and learning to online setting.

Prepared for challenges







John 16:33 (NKJV)

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

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Lounching of UCA Online

Mrs. Georgina Briones Parent | Parañaque

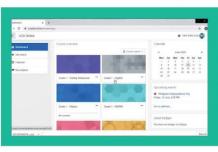
"Naging maayos po ang pag-explain sa amin ng online learning. Alam namin na mabibigay ng UCA ang magandang edukas yon para sa aming mga estudyante at binigyan din kaming mga parent ng magandang deal para po mabayaran namin ang tuition na magaan para sa amin."



ANNOUNCEMENT OPENING OF CLASSES August 24, 2020 UCA realfirms its commitment to proceed with the online distance learning as allowed by the Department of Education (DepEd). For some facility, you are sensed as a leaf of the Department of Education (DepEd). For some facility, you are sensed as a leaf of the Department of Education (DepEd). For some facility, you are sensed as a leaf of the Department of Education (DepEd).



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Mrs. Marites Tocloy Parent |Kuwait

"We are blessed how UCA accommodated us and assisted the online studies of our daughter."

Accommodating teachers and staff

Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay UCA Faculty Member

UCA truly showed that it is a school that cares for its students' future. UCA has been dedicated to use the online platform to deliver its education for this school year. As the number of students arises, UCA upgraded it server to cater the needs of the current number of users.

With the school's principle of giving out the best for the students, UCA faculty and staff were ready and able to assist the students and parents in embracing the new normal education.











Ms. Raena Christine Tabay UCA Faculty Staff

UCA stands true to its commitment to take care of its student's future. Understanding the challenges that parents and students faced, UCA has helped them to cope up with their missed activities due to various reasons.

Weekly Google Meet

Google Meet sessions were done in a weekly basis to assist the students, opening avenues and opportunities for each student to have social interaction with their fellow students.

Alain Kenneth Briones Grade 11 | Parañaque

Ang Google Meet dito sa UCA ay para makilala po namin ang bawat isa. May mga games din po kaya masaya po. Kaya't nagpapasalamat po ako sa UCA kasi hindi po talaga nila kami pinahirapan bagkus tinulungan pa po kami.

Mrs. Mylene Andrada Parent|Parañaque

Sa time ng Google Meet, nagkakaroon sila ng pag-uusap, kwentuhan or nakakapag-share sila bago man magsimula ang Google Meet so para sa akin, maganda iyon.



Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Online Chapel Service

Rhaizza Mariel Legaspi Grade 9 | Las Piñas

The online chapel service helped me to know God more with the help of Rev. Dr. James Sy. With his explanations to different topics and answers the questions the students have.





UCA provided an opportunity for the students to be developed spiritually by knowing God in their lives and developing their faith in Him. UCA created its first-ever online Chapel Service where students can listen to the Word of God through Rev. Dr. James Sy for at least 1-2 hours weekly on Youtube Live or Facebook Live.







Matt Johann Arriola Grade 6 | Parañaque

The online chapel service helped me with my questions and I've got closer to God just by praying to Him everyday.

Online Retreat

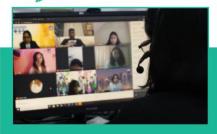
Alicia Faye Obingayan Grade 10 | Parañague

This retreat, marami po akong natutunan at na-discover. Marami din po akong mas nakilala pa. Even though na online lang at kahit nasa bahay lang po kami, naramdaman ko po ang paggalaw ng Panginoon at Kaniyang pagkilos sa mga estudyante pati na rin po sa akin.

UCA conducted also its first-ever online retreat with the theme "Transformed" which changed the minds and transformed the lives of the UCA students. This 3-day retreat brought fun and excitement to over 300 students who joined the said activity.











Shairah Nicole Manzon Grade 11 | Parañague

The retreat really touches my heart and I realized that commitment to God is really important. I am also thankful that I get to know new people in Google Meet.

Virtual Field Trip





Before the school year ends, another interesting activity happened as the UCA pupils joined the virtual educational trip presented by Gardenia. They have learned the process of bread-making and even played games which taught them about the importance of proper diet and nutrition.

UCA is blessed beyond measure! The Lord motioned His power and greatness in the school that he has called to do His great mission. Unexpected situations brought out extraordinary faith, blessing, and achievement throughout the whole school year. Praise God because He was, He is, and He will always be faithful!

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Praise God! As United Christian Academy (UCA) marks the end of another school year, the faithfulness and the goodness of the Lord were evident in the school's success in delivering quality education to its students. To commemorate the completion of the students for School Year 2020-2021, UCA holds its 24th Recognition, Moving Up, and Graduation Ceremonies virtually last June 5, Saturday. This school year is special because it is UCA's first school year since the launch of UCA Online.

In consideration of the current community quarantine protocols, the Ceremonies were premiered through the Facebook Live and YouTube accounts of UCA and United Christian Fellowship. The programs were led by UCA President Rev. Dr. William Sy and School Head Rev. Dr. James Sy, recognizing and congratulating students for their achievements and for completing their school year with flying colors.

Even in the midst of this pandemic, God continuously opens doors of opportunities for the ministry of UCA to guide and mold students not only academics but also in their spiritual aspect. This proves that in spite of any situations, God's ministry will move forward. Praise be to God for the victory of UCA and its students!

Year End Report







 $Teachers \ of \ UCA \ giving \ in sights \ about \ the \ pandemic \ and \ UCA's \ respond \ through \ UCA \ Online.$



24th Recognition Rites, Moving Up Ceremony, & Commencement Exercises







To get easy access to the replay of the 24th Recognition, Moving Up and Commencement Ceremonies, scan these QR codes.





Facebook

YouTube

The 24th Recognition Rites, Moving Up Ceremony, and Commencement Exercises were officiated Rev. Dr. William Sy and Rev. Dr. James Sy.

Pagpapayabong sa lupang biyaya





Babad man sa sikat ng araw ay buong lakas na nagsemento ng daan ang mga kalalakihan habang ang mga kababaihan naman ay nagkaisa sa pagwawalis, pagtatabas ng damo at paggtatanim.

Pabago-bago man ang panahon noong mga nagdaang araw ay hindi nito naapektuhan ang mga anak ng Diyos na patuloy na magpagamit at maglingkod sa Kaniyang ministeryo upang gawin ang mga bagay na makalulugod at makapagbibigay ng dakilang luwalhati at papuri sa Panginoon.

Sama-sama muling nagtungo ang mga miyembro ng panambahan sa UCF Mt. Tabor *Church Re-Creation Center* noong Mayo 31, Lunes, upang ipagpatuloy ang pagkokonstruksiyon ng ilan pang mga daang malapit sa bagong gawang *gazebo* at sa dating kulungan ng mga kambing. Ito ay

makatutulong upang maiwasan ang mga aksidente na maaaring mangyari lalo na tuwing tagulan. Naglagay din sila ng mga posteng bakal para sa tirahan ng mga alagang manok upang ito ay maging matibay. Maliban pa rito ay patuloy din ang pagtutulong-tulong ng mga boluntaryo tuwing Biyernes

at Sabado para sa pagsasaayos, paglilinis at pagpapalago sa lupang ibinigay ng Diyos sa panambahan.

Mataas na papuri at pasasalamat sa ating Diyos na banal para sa bawat oportunindad na makatugon sa Kaniyang tawag upang magpagamit sa Kaniyang gawain!















Ang mga manggagawa ay nagkaroon ng kaniya-kaniyang bahagi sa paggawa tulad ng pagtatabas ng damo, pagwawalis sa mga sementadong daan at pagtatanim sa malawak na lupain ng Mt. Tabor.







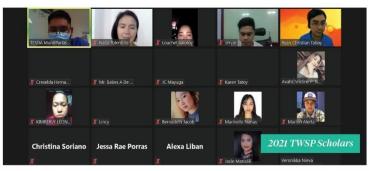
Pagod man dahil sa mga gawain ay isang masarap na pagkain naman ang pinagsaluhan ng bawat isang miyembro ng panambahan.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NKJV)

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

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UCACOA offers TWSP scholarship



Trainees of the current TWSP attended the inducation for CCS last June 3, Wednesday, headed by Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay.

ne of the pressing problems faced by the economy nowadays is unemployment. About 8.7% of the country's total population remains to be unemployed, as of the first quarter of the year. Compared to other neighboring countries wherein unemployment only ranges from 1.5% - 6.5%, our country's rate is a bit high.

In order to mold individuals to be job-ready who are equipped with technical vocational skills, UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) is once again favored by the Lord through the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in providing Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP).

This program has helped

thousands of individuals in developing industry-standard skills and landing on in-demand jobs. Aside from providing an opportunity to secure a job to individuals, it is also one of UCACOA's avenue to introduce the Word of God to the scholars and to guide them toward a holistic lifestyle.

As of today, 25 students were given free scholarship vouchers for the Contact Center Services (CCS) course. Moreover, students are also given allowances to accommodate in their expenses while learning the course subject.

UCACOA will continue to serve its purpose in promoting quality technical vocational training, honing scholars holistically and enlighting them with the truth of God's Word.

Praise the Lord for continually using the ministry of UCACOA in reaching out to the needs of the people, both financially and spiritually.



After finishing the scholarship program, successful students will be also receiving their Training Certificate in CCS



Ang Diyos na tagapagpagaling

Sabi sa Awit 91:15 na kapag tayo ay tumawag sa ating Panginoong Hesus, tayo'y Kaniyang pakikinggan, sasamahan at kung may problema ay sasaklolohan. Tunay na tapat ang Panginoon sapagkat ito'y Kaniyang pinaranas sa mga anak Niyang nagtiwala at nanampalataya sa Kaniya sa mga oras na sila'y dumanas na mga sakit at karamdaman.

Sis. Princess Marny Jewel Costales

"Ako ay na-diagnose ng Lupus Nephritis, Systematic Lupus Erythematous (SLE) noong taong 2019. Ito po ay isang Autoimmune Disease at sinasabi ng mga doktor na walang lunas para dito. Noong naramdaman ko ang mga simtomas nito, mahigit isang linggo akong na-admit sa ospital. Pero sa isang linggo na iyon, pumunta ang mga kapatiran ko sa UCF upang ipanalangin ako.

Matapos ang ilang buwan ay naglockdown dahil sa COVID-19. Dahil doon ay nagkaroon kami ng Bible study sa aming tahanan at ito ay nakatulong sa akin sa pagtibay ng aking faith na ako ay gagaling sa pangalan ni Hesus. Na-feel ko na ako ay unti-unting lumalakas ulit at nababawasan na ang mga sintomas na nararamdaman ko. Noong bandang October at November naman ay nagdecide ako ng buong puso't isip na ibigay ang buhay ko sa Lord at patuloy na sumunod sa Kanya upang magpagamit para sa Kaniyang kadakilaan.

Ngayon ako ay nakakapagtrabaho na ulit at nakakapag-commit na sa mga gawain ng UCF. Dito ko rin napatunayan na pinagaling ako ng Lord para magamit dito sa panambahan ng UCF upang maipahayag ang kabutihan na ginawa Niya sa akin. Ang sakit ko raw ay pang lifetime maintenance pero ipinakita ng Lord na hindi matatapos ang buhay ko sa sakit na iyon, kundi ako ay nagsisimula pa lamang at ako ay patuloy Niyang gagamitin. Salamat, Lord!"

Sis. Nena AmancioUCF Covenant Member

Nais kong magpasalamat sa ating Diyos na buhay dahil sa Kaniyang kabutihan at pagmamahal akin. Ako'y Kaniyang binigyan ng kalakasan at kagalingan noong Family Camp. Before mag Family Camp, I'm suffering from Acid Reflux. Nahirapan akong kumain, uminom at nanghina ako. Nanalangin ako na pagalingin ng Panginoon mula sa karamdaman na iyon. Praise God at nakasama rin ako. Tunay nga na napakabuti ng Panginoong Hesus sa buhay ko.

Sis. Lisa ChavitUCF Covenant Member

Ako ay lubos na nagpapasalamat sa ating Panginoong Diyos sa lahat ng mga biyaya na ipinagkaloob Niya sa amin at nang pagalingin Niya ako noong ako'y nagkasakit ng halos isang buwan noong January. Matindi ang aking naransan na halos lahat ng sintomas ng COVID-19 ay dinanas ko kaya lubos akong nagpapasalamat sa ating Panginoon sa kagalingang ibinigay Niya sa akin.

Philippians 4:9 (NKJV)

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from Me, or seen in Me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.



Y2 S5 E11: MAN'S TWO CHOICES OF LIFE

Aired on June 2, 2021



Hindi kainggit-inggit ang mga gumagawa ng mali. Piliin natin ang Panginoon. At sa Panginoon, if you delight yourself in the Lord, He will give you the desires of your heart.

Rev. James C. Sy, ThB, CEdM, EdD Panel (Administrative Pastor)

Mayroong kasabihan na, 'birds of the same feather, flocks together.' Kung ano ang pinili mong buhay, iyan ang magaganap sa buhay mo. Kaya piliin natin lagi ang lumakad patungo sa Panginoon, piliin natin ang kalooban ng Panginoon para sa ating buhay.



Rev. Victorio G. Lamarca, BCE, ThM Panel (Associate Pastor)

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I-meditate talaga natin ang Salita ng Diyos day and night dahil doon tayo makakakuha ng tamang counsel. Even though gipit ka, even though marami kang problema, hindi po iyon pamamaraan upang sumunod tayo sa mga ungodly kung hindi ang pagtitiwala sa Panginoon ang pinakamahalaga.

Rev. Ryan Christian C. Tabay, ABMC, MDM

66 Kapag ang Salita ng Panginoon ay ginawa nating prinsipyo, pamamaraan, patakaran at katwiran ng ating buhay, hindi po kayo maaaring hindi pagpalain. Hindi po kayo puwedeng hindi palaguin sapagkat ang Salita ng Panginoon ay hindi lang nagtuturo ng tamang buhay kung hindi ito ay nagdadala rin ng masaganang buhay.



Rev. William G. Sy, ThM, CEdD, EdD Host (Head Pastor)



66 Patuloy po nating piliin ang tama. Panigurado mayroong magandang plano ang Panginoon para sa iyo. Gusto mo ba ito malaman? Buksan mo ang iyong Bibliya at doon mo makikita. The Bible is like a mirror. Nakikita mo sa sarili mo kung ano ang nangyayari sa buhay mo at makikita mo kung ano ang gagawin ng Diyos para sa iyo.

Rev. Morrell B. Estrellado, BSECE, ThB, MDM Panel (Associate Pastor)

Ang Salita ng Diyos ay hindi lang bastabasta Salita na binibigkas natin kung hindi ito ay nagtataglay ng Espiritu ng Diyos. Sa pamamagitan ng Kaniyang Salita, we will discover what is God's plan in our life, ano ang ating kalalagyan, ano ang ating tatahakin at ano ang ikasasagana ng ating buhay.



Rev. Ricardo B. Jacob, BSME, ThB Panel (Associate Pastor)



Pahalagahan na talaga natin ang Salita ng Diyos dahil ito ang magbibigay tibay at pundasyon sa isang pamilya. Huwag nating hayaan na sirain ng mundo ang buhay ng ating mga anak at ng ating

Rev. Fidel C. Dillo, ThB Panel (Associate Pastor)

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Are you hungry?

by Rev. Morrell Estrellado June 4, 2021

All Bible verses are in NKJV.



2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for

correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Introduction

There are traps on the modern-day believers.

- Many people say they believe in God, but they do not hunger for His Word.

- Many people say God is important in their lives, but they do not give importance for His Word.
- Many people say they know God, but they are not knowing His Word.
- Many people say they are following God, but they are not seeking diligently His Word.
- Many people say they are serving God, but they are not living according to His Word.

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Why do believers need to be hungry of the Scripture?

- 1. Because the Scripture is totally reliable
- a. All Scripture is God-breathed: God is the Originator of the Scripture.
- b. Since it came from God who is

reliable, all Scripture is reliable.

- c. "All Scripture" means not selective passages but all passages.
- d. "Inspiration of God" means an influence of the Holy Spirit on the minds of certain selected men.

2. Because the Scripture is useful for all of life

 a. Scripture is useful for teaching God's truth.

Psalm 119:160

The entirety of Your Word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

b. Scripture is useful for confronting our sins.

- "Reproof" means to convince or expose.

Proverbs 19:3

The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the Lord

- c. Scripture is useful for correction.
- It helps to restore us to the proper

path of God's ways.

- d. Scripture is useful for training in righteousness.
- Once back, it helps us how to stay in righteousness and make further progress.
- "Child-training" implies a process where God teaches us how to deal with all of life.

3. Because the Scripture makes you useful

- a. Using the Scripture will result in maturity.
- "Complete" means whole, adequate, or full-grown, fitted for its intended purpose.
- b. Using the Scripture will result in service.
- Equipped for every good work
- "Equipped" means to be furnished or supplied.

Challenge

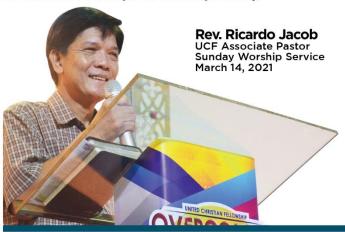
Are you really hungry of the Word of God?

"Dapat po nating ilagay sa ating isip na after Christ has saved us, muli Siyang babalik sa atin to take us where He is para makasama natin Siya for eternity."

"We are all temporary dito sa lupa, but our permanent home is heaven. Lahat ng mananampalataya ay doon. Dapat ituon mo ang isip mo doon sa mga bagay na sabi nga ay above and not on things on Earth. The Lord came to us to save us. Ngunit mayroon pang pangalawang yugto iyon. After gampanan ni Christ ang ating salvation, umakyat ulit Siya sa langit upang ipaghanda tayo ng lugar. At nangako Siya na 'I will come again.' When that time comes, sana lahat tayo ay handa. Siguraduhin mo kapatid na sa Kaniyang muling pagbabalik ay kasama ka. Let us make sure that all of us are with Him for eternity."

"Kapag tayo ay lumapit sa Panginoon, lumapit tayo nang may buong assurance na ang ating idinulog ay mayroong katugunan."

Kaniya. Kapag may gusto kang hingin sa Panginoon, hingin mo ito nang may pananampalataya. Hindi mo man nakikita ang Panginoon o minsan ay humihingi ka ng sign pero tila ba ay parang walang sign, hindi kasi nape-persuade ang Lord sa signs. Bagkus, ang nagpapa-persuade sa Kaniya ay ang ating pananampalataya. Sa mga may inaasahan sa Panginoon, ilapit natin ang mga ito nang may pananampalataya."





Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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we expose ourselves to through the media. Do we look at pornography? Do we look lustfully at attractive women? Do we listen to green jokes? The body includes our tongues, which we should use to praise God (Hebrews 13:15) and to build up, not tear down, others (Ephesians 4:29-32). Our bodies include our hands and feet. We should labor with our hands to provide for ourselves and our families (Ephesians 4:28). We should use our feet to take the good news to others (Romans 10:15).

Hebrews 13:15

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name.

Ephesians 4:29-32

²⁹Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³²And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:28

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

Romans 10:15

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

D. This commitment is a living, holy, and acceptable sacrifice.

John 12:24-26

²⁴Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains

alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

This sacrifice is living. Animal sacrifices were killed and consumed once and for all. The sacrifice of our bodies is ongoing and repeated. God has given us a new life through the new birth. We now gladly offer it back to Him.

This sacrifice is holy. It is set apart to God. We should not offer to God a defiled sacrifice. If we have sinned, we must come to God for cleansing, and then walk in obedience so that we do not disgrace the Name of our Savior.

This sacrifice is acceptable to God. Just as the animal sacrifices were a pleasing aroma to God, so we should live so as to please Him in all that we think, say, and do. Again, the motivation to offer our bodies to God in this way is that He gave His Son for us

E. This commitment is your reasonable service of worship.

"Service of worship" translates to a single word in Greek that refers to the service of priests in the temple. Paul is applying this word for religious worship to our everyday lives. He means that everything that we do should be offered up to God as an act of worship.

Hebrews 12:28-29

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 13:15-16

¹⁵Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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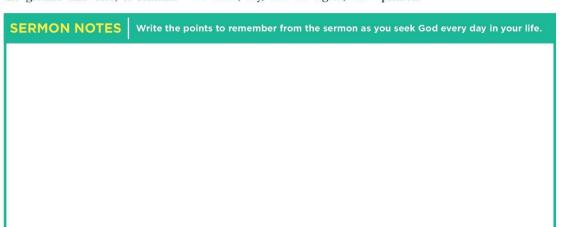
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