The key to spiritual victory and true happiness is not in trying to get all we can from God, but in giving all we are and all we have to Him.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodiesa living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

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And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ROMANS 12:1-2

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"Love so amazing so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all."



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I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified. I CORINTHIANS 9:27

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

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For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

I CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

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Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ...

... how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? HEBREWS 9:12-14

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Let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. HEBREWS 13:15-16

Jesus said, "Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve and give my life."

HEBREWS 20:27-28 (LB)

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"For Christians, service is not optional, something to be tacked on to our schedules if we can spare the time. It is the heart of the Christian life. Jesus came to serve and to give—and those two verbs should define your life on earth, too."

—RICK WARREN, PDL

"God forbid that I should offer anything to the Lord that costs me nothing."
2 SAMUEL 24:24

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"True worship is the offering to God of one's body, and all that one does every day with it.

Real worship is not the offering to God of a liturgy, however noble, and a ritual, however magnificent."

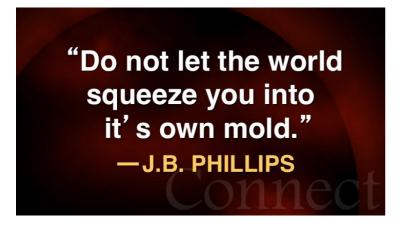
"Real worship is the offering of everyday life to Him, not something transacted in a church, but something which sees the whole world as the temple of the living God." —WILLIAM BARCLAY

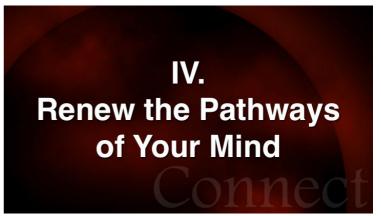
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The life you were born to live is the life you were born to give.



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Good:
The goodness of God's will lies in seeing that God is not taking advantage of me.

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Acceptable:
The acceptability of
God's will lies in the
pleasure it gives me.

Perfect:
The perfection of God's will lies in my realizing that neither I nor anyone else could do the things any better.

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God loves to be proved.

"Prove me now" (Malachi 3:10).

"Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord" (Isaiah 7:11). He knows that each generation is born skeptical.

The Bible must be reborn to every generation.

God must break out of print into live action and re-create Bible scenes and activities. Just as God wrote the Bible, so He must repeat the Bible in us. That is why He needs Abrahams, Gideons, Davids, and Pauls today. In short, He needs God-provers.

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The question is, am I willing to risk embarrassment and failure to be a prover of God? That is the nub of it all—to dare God and risk everything on His simple Word. Provers of God are always winners with God. —W. GLYN EVANS

Be in my mind and all of my thinking,
Be in my mouth and all of my speaking,
Be in my eyes and all of my looking,
Be in my feet and all of my goings,
Be in my hands and all of my workings,
Be in my heart and all of my
understanding.

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