

Simple Summer, Pt. 1
Sacrifice & Devotion
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Devotion to God shows when public worship is an

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present** your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1 (ESV)*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV)

How Christ-like is my attitude towards...

1) My _____ ?

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, Philippians 2:6 (NIV)

- **Jesus is _____**

Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. Philippians 2:6 (NLT)

...taking the very nature of a servant.... Philippians 2:7 (NIV)

- **He did not _____**

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. John 14:28 (NIV)

- **What's my greatest treasure & am I willing to let it all go for God?**

2) Letting it all go & _____

but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:7 (NIV)

- **"Emptied" =**

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. John 5:19 (NIV)

3) What do I need to let go of?

- **My _____**

Whoever doesn't take up his cross and follow me doesn't deserve to be my disciple. The person who tries to preserve his life will lose it, but the person who loses his life for me will preserve it. Matthew 10:38-39 (GW)

- **My love of _____**

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

- **Believing that busyness = _____**

But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:40-42 (NIV)

- **Fill In the Blank**