

Series: Renewing Our Strength

Title: 3 Dedications of a Christian:

Text: (Rom 12:1-2)

I. Dedicate our Bodies to God: Presentation (Vs 1)

Vs. 1 **“I”** Phil 1:9-*Paul the Aged*

Beseech you To entreat; to supplicate; to implore; to ask or pray with urgency.

Therefore: Rom 11:17, 25, 30-31

God’s chosen people are the children of Israel! Nothing has changed.

Brethren: 1 Tim 5:1-2 Son-Ship to God, Kinship to each other

By the Mercies of God: Titus 3:5

Present: 1 Cor 13:11 *Illus: Cowboy Up!*

Ezek 22:30 *Sought for a Man! Rom 1:16*

To Stand Forth and Identify yourself! Luke 9:26

Living Sacrifice: *Illus: Sacrifices are supposed to be dead, ours has a tendency to crawl off the altar.*

2 Hooks: Devotion & Discipline

Devotion put us on the Altar: 2 Cor 5:14-15 *Constraineth us*

Discipline keeps us there: 1 Cor 9: 24-27 *I keep under my body*

Holy: 1 Pet 1:15-16

Acceptable: Eph 5:8-17, Phil 1:9-10

Reasonable: 1 Cor 6:20; *Bought with a price.* 1 Pet 1:18-19

II. Dedicate our Minds to God: Transformation (Vs 2)

Transformed: NOT CONFORMED, but TRANSFORMED

Illus: Metamorphosis – Changed from the inside out!

2 Cor 5:17

III. Dedicate Our Lives to God’s Standard: Conformation

(Rom 12:2) *And be not Conformed to this World...*

By the Renewing of your mind: *Revive, Recover, Restore*

Eph 5:26; Titus 3:5

THE GOAL!!! Prove the will of God is Good, Acceptable, Perfect

HOW DO WE STAY THIRSTY?

Is 44:1-8 **The Secret to everything God has, Is Wanting It!**

Desire: is the Bottom Line! Jer 5:7-9

1. **Our Gratitude must equal God’s Goodness!**
2. **Our Forgiveness must match the Failures of Others!**
 - a. Matt 5:43-46
3. **Our Personal Holiness must exceed the worldly temptation!**
4. **Our Love for Others must Exceed Love of Self!** *Pity Parties*
 - a. You have a Saviour, the Word of God, a family, a home, clothes and Food. That’s more than 90% of the World has! **GROW UP!**
 - b. Helping other find the saviour, grow in grace, and train to serve will give you more to live for than you ever imagined!
 - c. I don’t like people, that’s because you love yourself far TOO Much!
5. **Confession of out sin must equal the committing of Sin!**
 - a. **ALTAR!** When a person’s confession matches the sinning, then we begin to make room for the things of God.
6. **The secret to getting everything God has for us is DESIRE!**
 - a. **You Have to Want it!**
 - i. **More than TV**
 - ii. **More then entertainment!**
 - iii. **More than pleasure!**
 - b. **You Have to Show Up!**