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Acts 6: 4 ASV

Should God have time for you?  
A Message for Adults

Week of Sunday 26 March, 2017 A.D.  
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- **Text:** Romans 12: 1-2 ASV

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. <sup>2</sup> And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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- The priests of Israel were instructed to offer a daily burnt offering; <sup>6</sup> besides the burnt-offering of the new moon, and the meal-offering thereof, and the continual burnt-offering and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings, according unto their ordinance, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

Numbers 29: 6 ASV Every day, according to ordinance, offering by fire was made unto Jehovah. More offerings were observed in the Sabbatical (7th) month, than any other month of the year. The

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larger number of sacrifices offered, was an expression of gratitude for Divine presence.

- The apostle Paul told the church of God at Corinth; <sup>31</sup> in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. I Corinthians 15: 31 ASV He was referencing the daily sacrifice offered to Jehovah, for Divine presence. Paul teaches a practical pattern for daily living. If you have no time for God in your day's activities, why should God have any time for you? To have a powerful witness, healthy

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- Christians must practice a daily spiritual exercise. It can not be done once a year, or periodically. It must be done every day! Every day has new possibilities. You can not copy yesterday, today. Start each day with God. When you awaken, before your feet hit the floor offer yourself wholly with an Intimate Prayer:  
My Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2

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I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit,  
I Corinthians 6: 19

the place in which the Holy Spirit dwells,  
I Corinthians 6: 20

the instrument through which the Holy Spirit works. I Corinthians 6: 20

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Let mine eye look upon no evil thing.

Romans 12: 1

Let my tongue speak no filthy thing.

Romans 12: 1

Let mine hand do no lawless deed.

Romans 12: 1

Let my body, with all its energies and powers,  
be a living sacrifice. Romans 12: 1

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But, Elohim (creator) my Adhonai (master), this is not enough; Let me do good works also.

Romans 12: 2

Let my hand do alms. Romans 12: 2

Let my mouth bless. Romans 12: 2

Let my ear find leisure hearing Scripture.

Romans 12: 2

Let my service be Holy and acceptable unto God. Romans 12: 2

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Let me put on kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forgiveness and above all charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Colossians 3: 12-14

Let me put off; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication and lying.

Colossians 3: 8-9

Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14 Amen.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven. Matthew 6: 10

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For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Matthew 6: 13 Amen.

- Daily spiritual exercise demands radical change. We must not be conformed to the world, but we must be transformed from it. Paul used two almost untranslatable Greek words to express this idea. First is *suschezmatizesthai*; the root of that word is *schema*, meaning outward form. A man's *schema* continually changes. His *schema* is different at seventeen and seventy. It is not the same when he goes to

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work as when he is dressed for dinner. Paul is saying; "Don't match your life to all the fashions of the world; don't be a chameleon which takes color from its surroundings". The second, *metamorphousthai*; the root of that word is *morphe*, meaning the essential unchanging shape or element of anything. A man has the same *morphe* at seventeen and seventy. A man in dungarees has the same *morphe* if he wears a dinner jacket. Paul is saying; to worship and serve God, we must undergo a change of our

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inward personality. Lord I want to be more like Christ, in my heart.

- This happens by renewal of your mind. In the Greek there are two words for new: *neos* means new in a point of time, a manufactured pencil, just off the assembly line is new; *kainos* means new in character and nature, as a man once a sinner, and now a saint is new. The center of his life is different; his mind is different; for the mind of Christ is in him.

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- Just as under the Old Testament the mind expressed its devotion through the ritual of sacrifice, so now under the New Testament its worship takes the form of self-dedication; its service consists of holiness of life, temperance, soberness, and chastity. When Christ becomes the center of your life, you can offer real worship, which is the offering of every moment and every action to God. Your renewed mind acting under influence of the Holy Spirit is your spiritual service.

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*You are invited to join us!*

*We continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

*We study doctrine and pray every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.*