

**“I will not offer the Lord that
which costs me nothing”**

Psalm 68: 5-6

“Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.”

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2 Samuel 24: 15-25

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But the king replied to Araunah, 'No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.'

So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. David built an altar to the Lord there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the Lord answered his prayer on behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down
before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a
year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten
thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of
my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does
the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with
your God.”

For most of the church in the west, we look and live no different to the culture around us.

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He doesn't want 10% of your money and then you get to allocate the remaining 90% to suit yourself.

He wants 100% and to speak to you about how to allocate all of it.

Recommended resources:

“Irresistible Revolution” by Shane Claiborne

“Radical” by David Platt

“Beyond Tithing” by Stuart Murray

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THEN it is also about THEM and how our
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Question, subvert, resist, oppose, rebel!

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Resolve:

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Lord Jesus,

Anything,

Anytime,

Anywhere,

I am yours



Romans 12: 1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.