

Sermon Series on Practices of Great Christians MAKING GREAT SACRIFICES

Main Idea: Great Christians demonstrate great love by making great sacrifices.

Introduction: The degree of our sacrifice reveals what matters most to us. What mattered most to Jesus was us. He made the ultimate sacrifice by giving His life for us. If we are truly devoted to Him or to His cause, are we willing to make sacrifices? Great Christians make great sacrifices because:

I. They Experienced God's _____ Love (1 Tim. 1:16)

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

II. They Understand God's View of _____ (Lk. 21:1-4)

As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

III. They Trust in God's Eternal _____ (Mk. 10:28-31)

Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

IV. They Recognize God's Sovereign _____ (1 Chron. 29:14)

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things...But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Conclusion – The degree of our sacrifice corresponds to the degree of our love for the Lord. Love and sacrifice go hand in hand. Jesus loved us so much that he sacrificed His own life for us. We serve a great God who made a great sacrifice when He offered up His great Son. Shouldn't great Christians demonstrate great love by making great sacrifices also?