

HOW TO MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT

1 Chronicles 21:18-27

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And Ornan said to David, "... I will give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for wood and the wheat for the grain offering; I will give it all." But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy it for the full price; for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, or offer a burnt offering which costs me nothing." 1 Chronicles 21:23-24

Do you want your offering to count?

1. Offerings are important to God.

A. They are a picture of Christ.

B. They are to be our very best.

When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn't that wrong? And isn't it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!" says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. Go ahead, beg God to be merciful to you! But when you bring that kind of offering, why should he show you any favor at all?" asks the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "Think of it! Animals that are stolen and crippled and sick are being presented as offerings! Should I accept from you such offerings as these?" asks the LORD. "Cursed is the cheat who promises to give a fine ram from his flock but then sacrifices a defective one to the Lord. For I am a great king," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "and my name is feared among the nations!"
Malachi 1:8-9, 13-14 NLT

2. Offerings only count if they cost.

A. A sacrifice requires a sacrifice.

B. A sacrifice is honoring to God.

*Then David built an altar to the LORD there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to the LORD and He answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.
2 Chronicles 21:26*

- C. A sacrifice makes a difference in the lives of people.
And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back in its sheath. 2 Chronicles 21:27

The greatest offering you can give is your entire self.