

***Sermon Notes***  
***City on a Hill: Romans 12***  
“Living Sacrifices”  
Romans 12:1

I. Introduction

A. Understanding motivation

1. Definition

2. Negative vs. positive motivation.

a. Negative – Gal. 6:8; Heb. 12:6; 2 Cor. 5:10

b. Positive – Rom. 12:1

In view of the mercies of God (positive) present your bodies . . .

c. John MacArthur

II. Exposition 2:1

A. “Present your bodies”

1. “Present” or “offer”

a. Greek technical term for a priest’s presentation of a sacrifice.

b. Christians are priests – I Peter 2:5

c. Verb is in the voice of command.

2. “Bodies” – incorporates our \_\_\_\_\_, our humanness incorporates our \_\_\_\_\_, and our flesh incorporates our \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Paul was very sober about the dangers of his own body.  
I Corinthians 9:27

b. Note Greek dualistic view of matter (body) and immaterial (spiritual).

1. Led to great sin in the early church.

B. What does “bodies” entail?

1. Our minds

a. What we do with our minds will determine what we become as Christians.

2. Our eyes and ears

a. Note the allurements of secular culture to the eyes and ears.

3. Our tongues

a. Watch out for the tongue – James 3:5-6

b. Use the tongue to read scripture – Psalm 1

4. Our hands and feet

a. Hands – I Thess. 4:11-12; Eph. 4:28

b. Feet – Romans 10:14-15

C. “Living and Holy Sacrifice”

1. Note Psalm 51:15-17

2. Should we be offering God the leftovers of our lives?  
Malachi 1:8

D. “Spiritual”

1. Greek is *logikos* – translates into English as logic or logical

2. Spiritual may also be translated as reasonable. Both are possible translations.

a. It is reasonable to worship God with our bodies in view of who He is and what He has done.

E. “Service of Worship”

1. Service – *latreia* – translated into English as *liturgy*.

Technical term used of Old Testament priestly sacrifice.

2. Everything I do as a Christian may become a service act of worship.

III. Point for Reflection

A. It is reasonable to present yourself as a sacrifice to God.

1. But is it really a sacrifice?

2. David Livingstone.