

Gal 6:17

(The conclusion of "sears for the Lord")

SUBJECT: The Cost to the X³

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Stewardship P1

Mal. 1: 6-8, 13, 14.

Our Best for Christ.

A sad thing. This text.

- 1:6 loss of resources
- 1:7 hollow indifference
- 1:8 offering of an unworthy sacrifice
- 1:13 unrepentant & all
- 1:14 joyful & bringing.

And says, try it with the misery of Antioch. Delight his? 1:8

Our own reaction: a terrible thing to do a terrible way to do.
 giving to God the unwanted, unneeded, can change, the quality.
 (a) Dr. Ramsey Pollard - the broken toys for the orphan children.

1. Our gifts should represent some measure of sacrifice.

(a) David II Sam. 24: 10-25.

The unequal thing - a tip for God.

(a) The church - numbers dollars.

2. The fundamental issue arises deep out of the heart.

1:13 "what a weariness!" *Convinced duty...*

For business, pleasure, ... but this -
 there a quaking flame - here a strictness & will
 "glowing flame" - dignification.

The need, agreed 1:14 to give ourselves to the great day.

(a) how can you lead to you.

homeland
 blanket
 gray
 heavy



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The Cost to The Christian

The message delivered, preached by Paul, sealed with his blood, life.

cf. II Cor. 11: 23-28

The application today: the cost to us. Our sacrifice.

1. Our gifts should represent some measure of sacrifice, cost.

(a) David II Sam. 24: 10-25

(b) Jesus moved by the gift of the widow. Mt. 12: 41-44

2. The unspeakable thing - the cost-off, the unwanted, the cost-nothing for God

(a) Malachi 1: 8, 13a

(b) The church - members dollars.

there is quality flow - here is straitened truth
" " " flow - " " dryness

3. One of the strangest phenomena in the story of humanity - the impulse to give to God.

(1) Does God have need of our little to offer?
Psalm 50:9-12

(2) Yet from creation, the impulse to give

Gen. 4:2 & 4a

Ps. 96:8

The altar before Eden - Salem - Bethel - ~~Sidon~~ ^{Jerusalem} ^{Temple of}
in tabernacle - the Temple - The worship of God.

The early church - "at the apostles feet"
- "On the first day of the week"

Our hearts desire.

Not come empty-handed. But as God has
made me able, a gift, an offering. "Bless the
Lord to the work of Thy Kingdom."

(3) The gift, ^{a symbol of the} dedication of our lives to God.
So we, to our God.

THE CHURCH-MEMBER'S DOLLAR

For living expenses — $24\frac{1}{2}$ cents

For luxuries — 22 cents

Wasted — 14 cents

For crime — $8\frac{1}{2}$ cents

For government (schools etc) — 20 cents

For Christ's Church — $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent

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