

CLOSER

Part 1 – What God Really Wants August 7, 2016

21 DAYS OF PRAYER August 7-27, 2016

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(Deuteronomy 6:14-15) Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God.
(John 12:42-43) Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in Him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.
(Hebrews 13:15) Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly professs His name.
(James 4:8 NLT) Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

(Hebrews 10:22) Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...

(Matthew 15:3-9) Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah war right when he prophesied about you: 'These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. They worship Me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."

What God Really Wants

(Psalm 50:8-15 NLT) I have no complaint about your sacrifices or the burnt offerings you constantly offer. But I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens. For all the animals of the forest are Mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is Mine and everything in it. Do I eat the meat of bulls? Do I drink the blood of goats? Make thankfulnesss your sacrifice to God, and keep the vows you made to the Most High. Then call on Me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give Me glory.

1.	with my sincere affection.
	(1 Chronicles 16:9) For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to stengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.
2.	the control of my life.
	(Romans 12:1) 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.
3.	in my everyday life.
	(Deuteronomy 6:14-15) Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God.
	What God really wants iswith me.

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$\sqrt{}$ Substitution.

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√ Hedonism.

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√ Spectatorism.

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1. Thank Him with my sincere affection.

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Offer Him the control of my life.

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3. Include Him in my everyday life.

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What God really wants is <u>relationship</u> with me.

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