



LESSON #3 = *Passion For Christian Living: Promoting the Kingdom in the World*

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Introduction: The Bible has much to say about sacrifice. Go back to the Old Testament and you will see dozens of examples like that of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David and many others that had to make some difficult choices in life. Today we have referenced the apostle Paul. A man who risked it all to share the gospel message. In his letter to the Romans we find my favorite passage in the New Testament (**Romans 12:1-2**). Let's consider it together....

Discussion:

- I. *Passion for Christian Living is Revealed By A Life of Mercy***
Matthew 9:13, Matthew 12:7, Hosea 6:6, James 2:13, Romans 12:8
- II. *Passion for Christian Living is Revealed By A Life of Sacrifice***
Matthew 16:24, Luke 9:23
- III. *Passion for Christian Living is Revealed By A Life of Holiness***
I Peter 1:15-16, I Peter 2:9-10
- IV. *Passion for Christian Living is Revealed By A Life of Acceptance***
Matthew 11:19, Luke 7:34
- V. *Passion for Christian Living is Revealed By A Life of Service***
Luke 19:10, Matthew 10:28, Hebrews 12:2
- VI. *Passion for Christian Living is Revealed By A Life of Focus***
Matthew 14:31, Hebrews 12
- VII. *Passion for Christian Living is Revealed By A Life of Renewal***
Micah 7:19, Isaiah 43:25, Hebrews 8:12, Hebrews 10:17, Psalm 103:12
- VIII. *Passion for Christian Living is Revealed By A Life of Purpose***
Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 55:9, Romans 8:28

Conclusion: If we are going to promote the kingdom in the world.... We need to re-examine how we live our lives! Does anybody remember what happened to this man who wrote these words? What happened to the apostle Paul? What are you going to do for Jesus? Will you tell others about Him? Are you ready to change? Do you have your life focused in the right direction? Are you ready to live the Christian life to the fullest? God has some great plans for you!