



What have you done that was worth the sacrifice?

2 Timothy 2:1-13 You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 3 **Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.** 4 No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, **if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.** 6 **The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.** 7 Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. 8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11 Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him, we will also live with him;
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him.
If we disown him, he will also disown us;
13 if we are faithless, he will remain faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

1. The sacrifice is worth it when I realize the benefit ____ receive from it!

What benefit have you experienced from sacrifice?

- Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time **we will reap a harvest** if we do not give up.
- Romans 5:3-5 And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but **we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.** 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

2. The sacrifice is worth it when I realize _____ will benefit from it!

In what ways have you benefitted from the sacrifice of others?

Why did Jesus sacrifice as he did?

- Hebrews 12:2 **For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

What blessing is having a team willing to sacrifice for each other?

- Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since **we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,** let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And **let us run with perseverance the race** marked out for us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus,** the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

3. The sacrifice is worth it when I realize the _____ after it!

What is the prize that makes the sacrifice of the Christian worth it?

- 1 Corinthians 15:55-58 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. **Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**