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part 3

Ambitious Faith

Trusting God Enough to Give Him Our Best



Hebrews 11:4

⁴ By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. (NIV)

1. Risk _____ (v.4a)

2. Don't _____ (v.4b)

3. Pick _____ (v.4c)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How greedy would you say our society is these days? What are some indicators of our culture's greed and selfishness?

Read **Luke 12:15-21**. How "rich toward God" would you say you are? How would you describe your internal tension between hoarding for yourself and giving and serving for the Lord?

2. Read **1 Chronicles 21:23-24**. What do you suppose are some of the reasons godly people think like King David in this passage?

Why does it take "faith" to give something costly to God?

3. What will you do to give God something excellent this week?
4. List two generous and sacrificial role models that you can look to (one current and one historical) and explain why they motivate you to be more ambitious about your "offerings" to God?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

April 29th

1Sam. 7-8 & Jn. 20

April 30th

1Sam. 9-10 & Jn. 21

May 1st

1Sam. 11-12 & Ac. 1

May 2nd

1Sam. 13-14 & Ac. 2

May 3rd

1Sam. 15-16 & Ac. 3

May 4th

1Sam. 17-18 & Ac. 4

May 5th

1Sam. 19-20 & Ac. 5

May 6th

1Sam. 21-22 & Ac. 6

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0538 – **Anchoring Our Thanksgiving On What Matters Most**

CD # 0637 – **What To Do When God Gives You Something Good**

CD # 0207 – **People Tools: Serious About Giving**

CD # 0417 – **Making Sense of Offerings, Tithing & Temple Taxes**

CD # 0416 – **A Truncated Theology of Green Paper**

CD # 0656 – **Tempted to Trust in Something Other Than Christ**

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org**.)*

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

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McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

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Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

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Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.

Woodbridge, John D., ed. **Great Leaders of the Christian Church**. Moody Press, 1988.

_____. **More Than Conquerors: Portraits of Believers from All Walks of Life**. Moody, 1992.