

- I. Becoming a Living Sacrifice.**
 - A. Stop doing the things that prevent you from living the kind of life that God wants you to live.**
 - B. Start doing what you know God wants you to do.**
 - C. Decide to obey God's Word and will, no matter what.**
 - D. If you want to offer your body as a living sacrifice to God, God will give you the power to do it (Phil. 4:13).**
- II. Why Should You Offer Your Body As a Living Sacrifice?**
 - A. It's a great way to worship God (Rom. 12:1).**
 - B. It's a great testimony to other people.**
 - C. It's a great benefit to you (Rom. 12:2) – you'll be in the center of God's will and you'll experience life at its best.**
- III. A Good Way to Offer Your Body As a Living Sacrifice.**
 - A. All Christians are gifted (1 Cor. 12:7).**
 - B. God determines who gets what gifts (1 Cor. 12:11).**
 - C. God gives us spiritual gifts to serve others (1 Pet. 4:10) for the common good (1 Cor. 12:7) so that the Body of Christ may be built up (Eph. 4:11,12).**
 - D. If followers of Christ don't use their God-given gifts in the work of the church, the church (local and worldwide) won't function properly.**
 - E. Examples of spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:6-8);**
 - 1. Prophecy – the ability to envision how God wants things to change and boldly proclaim God's truth in a relevant way.**
 - 2. Serving – a passion for meeting the temporal needs of mankind (food, clothing, shelter, etc.).**
 - 3. Teaching – the ability to understand and teach God's truths in a simple, applicable way.**
 - 4. Encouraging – the ability to comfort, strengthen, and encourage others.**
 - 5. Giving – the ability to provide financial assistance to the less fortunate.**
 - 6. Leadership – the ability to motivate and direct others to do the work of the Lord.**
 - 7. Mercy – a passion for helping those who are hurt, displaced, or rejected.**
 - F. What do you like to do? What are you good at?**
 - G. Are you using your God-given gifts (talents) at Salem?**