



Inner Growth - Offering

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians 5:2

Oblation -----2 Corinthians 9:7

Forgiveness -- Matthew 6:14-15

Faith ----- 2 Chronicles 3:12a

Effort -----Hebrews 13:15

Rest -----Hebrews 4:11

Income -----Acts 20:35

Need -----Psalms 37:4

God -----Hebrews 13:16

There are so many different offerings today people offer up to deities that we could ever imagine. In the Old Testament, God received five major offerings from His people: Burnt offering, the Meat offering, the Peace offering, the Sin-offering, and the Trespass offering. In the New Testament, God offers His Son for us because He is love.

Today, the offering that we give should be an offer to God of love from our hearts. We must not give to get or give with regret.

There are conditions when we give to God. For example, Cain, Abel's brother, in the Bible, offers to God from an impure heart. This giving reflected on his face that God questioned Him. If a person gives an offering to God with no forgiveness in his heart, it may not be respected. If a Christian gives an offering with doubt in His heart, the opportunity to receive from God may not come at the time as expected.

As believers, we should give our offering with praise and worship for God is worthy. An offering is to give to God with rest in heart and mind, not being restless. An offering is different from tithes. As believers, a tenth of our earnings belongs to God. An offering, whether big or small, is on top of what you give of your tithes.

An offering is an expression of love from our hearts to others and God. Love moves God. Do we give our offering to get back from God?

Bible Study: Five Major Offerings of Jesus Christ

Burnt Offering -Philippians 2:6-8, Meat Offering - John4:34, Ephesians 2:13-14, Sin Offering - Isaiah 53:1-11, Trespass Offering - Hebrews 10:12