



## #1 “GIVING IT UP, EVERYTHING!”

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### Sermon Outline Notes

*Those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. Luke 14:33b*

### **Giving It Up is LETTING GO OF OUR MEANS, METHODS AND MEANINGS OF “THE GOOD LIFE”**

*If you try to hold on to your life, it will slip through your fingers; if you let go of your life, you'll keep it. Luke 17:33 VOICE*

#### **I. Romans 12:1a MSG**

**<sup>1</sup> So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.**

**Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.**

#### **We are Giving it Up when we WORSHIP GOD WITH**

#### **EVERYTHING WE ARE AND DO**

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*

#### **II. Romans 12:1b CEV**

**<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God.**

#### **We are Giving it Up when we GIVE OURSELVES**

## **INTELLIGENTLY AND WILLINGLY TO GOD**

*For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6 RSV*

### **III. Romans 12:2b CEV**

**<sup>2</sup> Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.**

**We are Giving it Up when we ALLOW GOD TO CHANGE**

## **THE WAY WE THINK TO THE WAY HE THINKS**

<sup>21</sup> "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? <sup>22</sup> These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. <sup>23</sup> Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence. Colossians 2:21-23 NIV