

## **Becoming a True Offering on the Altar of God**

Matthew 15:11

### 1. Introduction

When you met with God, your life of faith began. Your life of faith must grow until you can live together with God. As your life of faith grows, your degree of devotion will also grow.

### 2. What is the difference between religious life and secular life?

Is there anyone who has not slept before living a religious life? Is there anyone who had not eaten before living a religious life? Before living the religious life, everyone has slept, eaten, cried, and laughed. Even after we decided to live a religious life, we are still doing the same thing; there is no difference. Externally, there is no difference between before and after our religious life.

### 3. The changing of ownership

Until now, I owned myself. But since I joined the church I belong to God. I offered myself to God and Christ on the altar of God. Therefore, from now on, I don't belong to myself, but I belong to God and Christ. This is the basic meaning of devotion. Until now, I have lived for the sake of my own happiness, glory and pleasure. However, from now on I live for the sake of God and Christ.

Since I belong to God, what I do is not my will but the will of God. I don't decide what I do, but I want to let Go decide what I will do. This is the attitude of devotion.

What I look at my own eight fingers and two thumbs, throughout my entire life there was no even one day that I did not use them. But what did I do with them? What impure things I did! Sometimes I used them as Satan's tools. But now I repent, and from now on I never use them that way. I only want to use them for the sake of God and Christ; whatever God and Christ want.

Through my two eyes, ears, and skin, I have received many impure things, and kept them within myself. Therefore when I opened my mouth impure things came out (Matthew 15:11). Now, since I've repented, whenever I see, hear, or touch impurities, I don't receive them. I receive only purities. If I can keep this standard, then from my mouth only purities will come out.

4. Changing of the value of life

Value is decided by purpose. If a man lives for the sake of himself, when he dies the value of his life perishes. If he lives for the sake of God and mankind, then as long as God and mankind exist the value of his life will never perish.

When we began our life of faith and offered ourselves on the altar of God, our lives began to exist for the sake of God. Until now we cried because we were sad and miserable. Now, we shed tears for God and mankind, rather than for the sake of ourselves. Then, even though the tears will quickly dry, they will be inscribed in the heart of God. The value of those tears will be shining like diamonds in the Kingdom of Heaven, where no thief can steal, nor worm can eat. Every teardrop will have eternal value. When we can offer ourselves on the altar of God and live for this purpose, then our work, our eating, sleeping, talking, and laughing, will have eternal value.