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## **The Nature of Self-Sacrifice**

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**To think more  
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Self-Sacrifice – *“the sacrifice of one’s own interests, desires, etc. for the sake of duty or the well-being of another”*

Sacrifice – *“to surrender or give up, or permit injury or disadvantage to, for the sake of something (or someone) else”*

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- **“What am I willing to sacrifice?”**
  - **Am I willing to allow myself to be cheated? [I Cor. 6:5-8](#)**
  - **Am I willing to allow others to “add affliction” to me? [Phil. 1:15-18, 12](#)**
  - **Am I willing to be a servant to all for their soul’s benefit? [I Cor. 9:16-23](#)**
  - **Am I willing to surrender my rights in order to edify? [I Cor. 10:23-24](#)**
  - **Am I willing to give up my possessions or die for another? [I Jn. 3:14-18 \(agape\)](#)**

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## – Self-Sacrificial love:

- Speaks the truth, always **Eph. 4:15**
- Seeks to edify for the good of others  
**I Cor. 8:1**
- Is sincere in it's words and application  
**Rom. 12:9**

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**The self-sacrificial love with which Christ loves us speaks not just to “what?” but especially “why?”**

- **To obey the Father and the Son**  
**John 15:9-10**
- **To abide in His love**
- **That my joy will be full** **John 15:11**
- **To serve as Christ did** **Phil 2:1-8**

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*“No greater love hath a man than he lay down his life for his brother. (John 15:13) Not for millions...not for glory, not for fame. For one person...in the dark...where no one will ever know...or see.”*

- **Sebastian, Babylon 5, Season 2, Ep. 21**

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**Refusal to yield, selfish, self-indulgent**

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