

LENT DEVOTION

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God, having imparted and imputed His Righteousness in to a believer also provides the needed training so that the believer can become "the instrument of Righteousness" (Romans 6:13).

"Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourself to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace" (Romans 6:13--14).

"Offering yourself" is the key factor in deciding whether you become the "instrument" of wickedness or righteousness. "Yourself" is your Body, Soul and Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:23). The "Soul" as you all know is the invisible part of you - the Mind, Emotion, and Will." The complete "offering of yourself" to God makes one the "instrument of righteousness."

The problem a believer struggles in day to day life is the 'partial offering.' A believer is tempted to give up in following God's ethical and moral standards by looking at the circumstances and seeing the self-righteous or unrighteous people thrive in their lives. But the partial offering of yourself is no offering at all.

Let us continue this meditation tomorrow. But for today, the above verse reminds the believer:

- (1) Not to offer any part of yourself to sin
- (2) To offer yourself to God
- (3) Because a believer is under the grace and not the law
- (4) Do not allow any sinful thought, word, habit, action to master and control yourself