

Sacrifice is it a Must...

To sacrifice time, money or energy....is a must when it comes to someone or something we truly love. Otherwise, it won't be necessary...It will fall under nice words like the following kind of statements "If I have time I would ..."; "If I got a chance, I would have done..."; "I will try...will do my best..."...

This may remind us of how many things we wanted to do in our lives, but haven't got a chance to do because of the limited time or being busy doing other stuff –we thought it was more important – focusing on other achievements or pleasures...

When it comes to school, work, family, friends or vacation time; most of us invest time and efforts in things when we feel we MUST do even if we don't feel like doing them. Such as, studying hard for an exam, working out to lose weight, practising for a game, holding pleasant or unpleasant social gathering...Normally, we put efforts on such activities feeling it was worth the sacrifice!

But, when it comes to God, Church or our spiritual growth, we may feel it is not a MUST. OR if it is, we may say the time will come later, but definitely not right now as we are truly busy!!! Do we really don't have time for God in our lives unless we need an essential request from Him...

The truth is, we have to sacrifice other things and invest sometime in this relationship if we want to reap results. Remember "Folded hands can't receive more". It's never lack of time! It comes down to what I value the most, what I MUST do and what I love to do... I MUST learn that I don't need more time to do what I MUST do, but I have to let go of what is not a MUST...

Our Church fathers mastered that lesson and applied it to their daily lives. They learned how to sacrifice time to help someone not waiting for a payback, to listen to someone to lighten his/her burden, to invest time in prayers, bible reading, repenting, attending liturgies, spiritual meetings, and give some alms for the needy out of their necessity not from the left over...That is why when they were asked to sacrifice their lives for the ONE they love; there was no hesitation, no fearsome and no need for time to think it over. Simply, they were ready to answer!!!

Sacrifice is a MUST lesson to learn for ourselves, practise in our daily lives and to pass it on to our kids focusing on what is a MUST to do according to our ultimate goal, evaluating how many accessories, we may let go of and re-arranging our priorities to include the MUST to do list on top and the NICE TO HAVE list below it.

A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves!