**Sacrifice**

**Therefore be imitators of God,**

**as beloved children, and live in love,**

**as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us,**

**a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.**

***(Ephesians 5:1-2)***

**When you make the sacrifice in marriage, you're sacrificing not to each other but to unity in a relationship. *(Joseph Campbell)***

**In order to become prosperous, a person must initially work very hard, so he or she has to sacrifice a lot of leisure time. *(The Dalai Lama)***

**The primary block to developing a humorous perspective is our fear of looking foolish, being disapproved of, and ultimately being rejected. These fears were instilled with messages we received in childhood: “Wipe that stupid smile off your face!” (smiling is stupid); “Grow up and get serious!” (growing up is serious business). The average four year old laughs about every ten minutes. How many times a day do we laugh now? We have been trained to sacrifice our sense of joy for the sake of “growing up.” *(Terry Braverman, in New Thought magazine)***

**When Ben Franklin began signing up contributors for the first subscription library in North America, he wasn’t very successful. Eventually, he decided he would present the project as originating with a group of friends rather than being his own pet project, lest he be suspected of self-promotion. Subscriptions to the library promptly took off. Ben determined to conduct all his future affairs in the same way and encouraged others to do the same. “The present little sacrifice of your vanity will afterwards be amply repaid,” he said. What if someone else takes credit for your work? No problem, said Ben. People who are envious of the claim jumpers will eventually expose their pretense, and you’ll get the credit you deserve. When actor Spencer Tracy was starring with Katharine Hepburn, he always insisted on having his name listed first in the credits. A director challenged him, saying it was more gallant to let the lady go first. Tracy replied. “This is a movie, not a lifeboat.” *(Ben Franklin’s Almanac, p. 193)***

**A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act. *(Mahatma Gandhi)***

**The most amazing philanthropists are people who are actually making a significant sacrifice. *(Bill Gates)***

**The time I burned my guitar it was like a sacrifice. You sacrifice the things you love. I love my guitar. *(Jimi Hendrix)***

**You aren't going to find anybody that's going to be successful without making a sacrifice and without perseverance. *(Lou Holtz)***

**Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness. *(Napoleon Hill)***

**One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying. *(Joan of Arc)***

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**It is not enough to say we must not wage war. It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. *(Martin Luther King, Jr.)***

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**Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow. *(A. P. J. Abdul Kalam)***

**Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience. *(Thomas Merton)***

**The world is put back by the death of everyone who has to sacrifice the development of his or her peculiar gifts to conventionality. *(Florence Nightingale)***

**It only stands to reason that where there's sacrifice, there's someone collecting the sacrificial offerings. Where there's service, there is someone being served. The man who speaks to you of sacrifice is speaking of slaves and masters, and intends to be the master. *(Ayn Rand)*
The idea of redemption is always good news, even if it means sacrifice or some difficult times. *(Patti Smith)***

**We don't have to sacrifice a strong economy for a healthy environment. *(Dennis Weaver)***

**Honestly, I just go to restaurants to eat so I won't die. If there was a pill I could take in January and then I wouldn't have to eat again for the rest of the year, I would take it. Of course, I wouldn't want to sacrifice my chocolate cake and ice cream. *(Steven Wright)***

**Too long a sacrifice can make a stone of the heart. O when may it suffice? *(William Butler Yeats)***

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