

## Romans 6:12-18 Servants of Righteousness

- Remember, we're in the context of help.
- Paul wants to give us tools to help us with
- Sometimes, we don't get the job done because we don't have the right tools. "LEVERAGE!"
- I have a friend that said this, "Give me a big enough stick and I can move the world."
- If a 3lb Sledge doesn't work, you get the 10lb Sledge to get the job done... Tools...
- I love tools...
- Paul 1<sup>st</sup> gives us Reckon vs 11...
- Here's another tool he gives us in verse 12-18
- And that is to yield
- Now, once again, we need to consider what this word means...
- And literal interpretation of the bible demands that 1<sup>st</sup> consider ~~what~~ what the meaning of the words were when they were written, not when they're read. This is another perfect example... of how usage differs from one century to the next...
- Here in America, Yield ~~means~~ is what you do to the traffic that's coming off the ramp on the freeway... and for most people, including myself, that is about the extent to which we use the word "Yield"

> We're still using the word, but because we use it so little & so specific, we kinda hide the true meaning of the word.

- Yield usually means to slow down, or let someone else go first, or stay out of the way.

~~But when we're taught, we're taught~~

- So we typically see yielding as an action.

- But I believe (and I'm not an English Major) but when you yield there has to be an object.

- WHAT <sup>exactly</sup> are you yielding in other words?

- When we're taught <sup>DE</sup> we are told to yield what? The right-of-way.

- So this is a case where in today's language to yield is ~~is~~ synonymous with "yield the right of way".

- So when we think "yield" we think of backing down, letting someone else win... Uncle!

- "I yield the floor madame speaker."  
man I give up the floor.

But guess what... it's not quite right. It is but it ain't. Today, yield carries with it the connotation of giving up, giving second, slaying down, almost stopping.

- But "yield" in reality "in and of itself" simply means to "present" or to "offer".

- So it's a matter of perspective... When we yield the right of way, we're not losing the right of way... We're presenting the ROW, we're offering the ROW!

- We're giving it away to the benefit of someone else.

- Sure we don't get to go first and we lose a little time.

- But what we're presenting & offering to another driver is for his/her benefit... It's safer for them.

It's easier, it's faster... It's to their benefit...

You offered it to them... (Think about that the next time you hit your brakes)

- So when you yield, you present, you offer, <sup>object</sup> you give... And you have to yield something and then you're gonna have to ~~offer~~ <sup>offer</sup> this something to someone.

- On the road, it's another driver...

- So! When I yield, normally I'm thinking about me...

- I gotta hit my brakes...

- Why can't this be a merge?

- Nobody else yields...

- I got a lot of negativity & selfishness going on in my yielding...

Consequently, this is going to affect ~~my~~ in my mind  
the ~~mean~~ + purpose of yielding.

- Which is to offer something to somebody.  
- So in our text: Read vs 13

- Offer yourself + your members unto God.

- We're not surrendering ourselves as if we're besieged.

- We're offering our selves willingly.

- So let's look at this as a tool to help us.

- I know when we read the text, the tendency may be to concentrate on works.

= Because it talks about obedience.

- The tendency may be to concentrate on not sinning but rather doing good, and no doubt that surely is the end result, and that's where we want to go.

- But what we need to see is that 'yielding' is the means in which we attain this.

- And yielding is the tool to get the job done.

- Yield, means to offer or present.

- So Paul says for us to offer ourselves to God, to present ourselves to God Almighty.

- Paul was a Jew, ... when he said offer, no doubt it carried with the meaning and depth of the OT offering to God.

- They took lambs, + goats, + cattle, and sheep and layed them on the Alter and "offered" them presented them to God...
- Paul said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice..."
- When Paul says yield yourselves, he's thinking sacrifice... A living sacrifice...
- I thought sacrifice was OT... I thought Jesus sacrifice was the last sacrifice once for all...
- Paul addresses this...

(vs 14)

Were not sacrificing under the law, but under grace...

- Under the law, sacrifice was made for sin, was made to make atonement for past sin... God would erase sin that had past + not hold you accountable for them... But it had no provision for the future...

- But then Jesus came...

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth...

- And now Jesus has fulfilled the law, and now, we're under grace...

READ Hebrews 7:26-27.

Dug after  
Dug  
sacrifice

- Before Jesus came, they sacrifice animals to deal with the <sup>deeds</sup> sinful of the past.
- But now we offer ourselves a living sacrifice <sup>the righteous</sup> for <sup>the</sup> deeds of the future.

But the emphasis is not on the deeds, but on the offering, the yielding.

- Sometimes I ask God, what is it you want me to do. How do I live. What do you want me to change? We know not what to pray for as we ought, but the HG makes intercession for us.
- Our job is to yield. Our job is to offer, to present.
- Offerings are placed on the Altar.
- Since the begining of time -- They made Altars and they made their offering + sacrifice there at the Altars.
- None of that has changed. -- Where + when do you yield yourselves and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God?
- At the Altar -- And this is where I meet it.
- The time to offer yourself is not ~~before~~ at the last second in the midst of trials + tribulations. Circumstances + and every thing every which way.
- It's at the Altar of prayer -- Especially when you know not what awaits you.

- Give yourself unto God.

- Offer yourself, Present your self.

- Jesus said, Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's.

- But UNTO GOD, the things which ARE God's...

- Do you belong to God? Then why don't you just give yourself to him. Offer ~~your~~ yourself

Present to

a Living Sacrifice...

~~Offer~~ God an offering everyday... And let God use you the way he sees fit...

- Offer yourself in Prayer. Say it to God, and most likely, you'll die...

- EX. Lists → writing it...