#### WHAT IS A DIRTY OFFERING?

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(Deuteronomy 17:1)

God does not accept every type of offering. God does not accept what is last. God does not accept what is **DIRTY**. Whether you realize it or not, many people are giving God a dirty offering.

This is mainly due to ignorance. A dirty offering has nothing to do with what is being given to God. It has everything to do with where the offering originated.

When people give an offering to God, they do not consider the source of the offering. However, God does. When people give their offering to God, they do not think about where it came from. However, God does.

### PEOPLE WITH A PURE HEART WILL NEVER GIVE GOD A DIRTY OFFERING!

## Are you giving God a dirty offering! Deuteronomy 17:1

The scripture says, "If an ox or sheep has something WRONG with it, DO NOT offer it as a sacrifice to the Lord your God. He would hate that." God is not impressed with the quantity of your offering. He is pleased with the quality of your offering.

God blesses people who give quality, **NOT** quantity.

Giving God a dirty offering is disrespectful and dishonorable. If you want to lose favor with God, give Him something He **DID NOT** request.

### HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES ON WHAT IT MEANS TO GIVE GOD A DIRTY OFFERING:

 Giving God a tithe from GAMBLING winnings is a dirty offering. There is nothing wrong with the money. The **WAY** in which you acquired the money is wrong. God will not accept clean money from a dirty place.

- Giving a financial donation from money received from a BRIBE is a dirty offering. There is nothing wrong with the money. The WAY in which you acquired the money is wrong. God will not accept clean money from a dirty place.
- Giving DRUG money to help poor people is a dirty offering. There is nothing wrong with the money. The WAY in which you acquired the money is wrong. God will not accept clean money from a dirty place.
- Giving the church a tangible donation that was STOLEN is a dirty offering. There is nothing wrong with the item. The WAY in which you acquired the item is wrong. God will not accept clean money from a dirty place.

- Giving money to a GOOD CAUSE that came from prostitution, blackmailing or deception is a dirty offering. There is nothing wrong with the money. The WAY in which you acquired the money is wrong. God will not accept clean money from a dirty place.
- Giving money to help ORPHANS that came from criminal activity is a dirty offering. There is nothing wrong with the money. The WAY in which you acquired the money is wrong. God will not accept clean money from a dirty place.

#### GOD WILL NOT ACCEPT FILTH

Before you give an offering to God make sure you examine how it's acquired. Cain made a mistake that millions of people continue today. In Genesis 4:1-5 the Bible gives us a vivid picture of the importance of examining your offering unto God.

Abel gave God what is holy. Cain gave God what is unholy. **GOD WILL NEVER ACCEPT WHAT IS UNHOLY**. Genesis 4:3 says, "Later, Cain brought some food from the GROUND as a gift to God." God did not care about what Cain was offering to Him.

He cared about how the offering was **ACQUIRED**. God is not focused on how many people you are helping. He is concerned with your **MOTIVE** in **WHY** you are helping them. God is not focused on how much money you donate to charities.

He is concerned with **WHERE** the money originated. God will always **REJECT** a generous offering if it comes from an **UNHOLY** place. God is **NOT** like us. People will accept what is unholy. God will never accept what is unholy.

When you extend an offering unto God, make sure it comes from a pure place and a pure heart. Do not allow people's acceptance of filth **DECEIVE** you into thinking

that God will accept the same. There are many offerings that have been given to God. However, there are few that have been received by Him.

# ARE YOU GIVING GOD A DIRTY OFFERING?

- Are you giving God praise with a bitter heart?
- Are you helping the poor with a selfish motive?
- Are you worshipping God while being unforgiving?
- Are you preaching the Gospel with an evil motive?

# EXAMINE YOUR OFFERING SO IT WILL NOT BE REJECTED BY GOD!

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