

Hill Cliffe Values

4. We are a Sacrificial Community

Study Guide



²⁴ But King David replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on buying it for the full price. I will not take what is yours and give it to the Lord. I will not present burnt offerings that have cost me nothing!” ²⁵ So David gave Araunah 600 pieces of gold in payment for the threshing floor.

1 Chronicles 21:24-25

1. David refused to take the sacrifice offered to him by Araunah without paying for it. Can you think of any circumstance when a sacrifice can be made without cost?
2. How would you define a ‘sacrifice’? How many examples can you come up with?

Please read Mark 12:41-44

3. The widow in this passage put in more than all the other givers, and yet in terms of financial value it was less. What does this tell you about:
 - a. How God values sacrifice
 - b. What is the range of cost to the giver that a sacrifice could be?

Hill Cliffe Values #4 We are a Sacrificial Community:

- **Sacrificing my time and comfort in serving our family at Hill Cliffe – in prayer, encouragement, care for the needy, in hospitality and in love.**
- **Sacrificing my money, time, gifts and talents in actively participating in the growth of the Kingdom of God.**
- **Sacrificing myself in identifying with those who are rejected, deprived and powerless.**
- **Sacrificing my time and comfort in purposefully serving the needs of the aliens and strangers, the vulnerable and the needy in our society in the love of Christ.**

4. Apart from Financial Sacrifice, what other forms of sacrifice might we be called on to offer based on these values?
5. Are there times when you may have withheld a blessing from others without thinking about the benefit to them compared to the cost to you?
6. Are there times when it is right to not make a sacrifice when it is in your power to do so?

None of us should be expected to make a sacrifice at every opportunity. We do have a responsibility to consider at each juncture if we should be making a sacrifice.

7. Would you agree with this statement? Why?

Please take time to be honest with God/your group/yourselves if you need a change to the way you consider opportunities to bless God and other people at personal cost to you.