Seven Stipulations of Sacrifice
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Introduction:
A. One of the most paradoxical and singular acts engaged in this world
   1. A willing sacrifice - Rom. 12:1
   2. Almost an oxymoron; how can the victim of a sacrifice be willing?
   3. It is the act of a conscious, conscientious being that recognizes that
      what he is giving up is worth more than what is gained by the offering
B. We must be living sacrifices for the things of God and on behalf of others.
   1. A sacrifice of oneself for personal gain alone is not a worthy sacrifice

I. SEVEN STIPULATIONS OF SACRED SACRIFICE:
A. A sacrifice is completely burned, representing total commitment
   1. There is no expectation of salvaging anything of the life or form.
   2. Gen. 22:2 - We have hope that a recent victim can be revived; the
      ancients believed if the body was preserved properly, the soul would re-
      enter later; but, a body reduced to ashes left no hope
   3. A true sacrifice is offered willingly with no expectation of salvaging
      anything in this life of what is offered
B. A sacrifice is messy, representing suffering in service to others.
   1. Lev. 9:8-15 - Sacrifices were messy
   2. Isa. 53 - “He is… despised, rejected, sorrow, grief, stricken, smitten,
      afflicted, wounded, bruised, chastisement, stripes, oppressed, afflicted,
      slaughter, shearer, prison, judgment, cut off, grave, death, violence, an
      offering for sin, the labor of His soul…”
   3. Describe Jesus on the cross.
   4. Where is it written that your sacrifice will be less messy?
C. A sacrifice is presented to God; it must be sincere and without ulterior motives
   1. Lev. 21:10-12; Matt. 5:23-24
D. A sacrifice is groomed to be a sacrifice.
   1. Lev. 22:27; 1Peter 4:1-2, 2:5
E. A sacrifice dies, representing death to self in service to God.
   1. Lev. 1:3-5 - It is killed on behalf of another; exegete
   2. Rom. 6:11-13
F. A sacrifice receives no reward; it is offered that others might be benefitted
   1. 1Peter 2:24, 3:18
G. A sacrifice is bound to the altar until it is completed.
   1. Gen. 22:9; Psalm 118:27; Rev. 2:10

Conclusion:
A. 2Tim. 4:5-8