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Worship the Lord. All our Worship Belongs to God.

"How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me?"
PSALM 116:12 (NIV)

Sacrifice. A newly married young woman removed her ring from her finger and laid it in the church offering bag. After the service the Pastor searched her out to commend her and return the ring, explaining that the offering had been larger than needed. The woman looked up and said, "I didn't give the ring to you, but to the Lord."

The lady teaches us two important lessons:

<u>First</u>, true giving is sacrificial. True giving is sacrificial, in gratitude for the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. "He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for us and who was raised again." 2Corinthians 5:15

"Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me." Luke 18:22 True giving means giving our lives to Christ.

<u>Second</u>, a heart full of thanks and praise of God is the answer to the question posed by our text: "How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?" The Psalmist continues, "I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the Name of the LORD." Psalm 116:17

It is a God-pleasing act of worship when we devote our lives, our time, our talents, and our treasures to the Lord. It pleases God when our love reaches a place of sacrifice, as did the young lady in the touching story.

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