“An offering is something that is transferred from our sphere to the Lord’s. By bringing it near to Him it becomes His.”

Rodriguez, Stewardship Roots, p 75
“Man was originally endowed with noble powers and a well-balanced mind...His thoughts were pure, his aims holy. But through disobedience, his powers were perverted, and **selfishness took the place of love**.”

EGW—Steps to Christ, p.17
Giving is an act of self-denial and personal surrender that places the interest of God and others before ours and has a transforming effect on the giver.

The essence of giving is the surrender of the giver to God totally, completely, and irretrievably.
Burnt OFFERINGS

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Burnt Offerings
The Most Complete Offering

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GOD
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JESUS
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Love is the Motive
• Motive
• Proportion
• Frequency
First Fruits
A Dedicatory Offering
“Even before the tithe could be reserved there had been an acknowledgment of the claims of God.”

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 526
“The sheaf a priest dedicated as first fruits offering after the Sabbath following Passover (Lev 23:11) prefigured Christ, who came forth from the tomb on the day after the Sabbath (John 20:1) as “the first fruits” of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor 15:20).”

Roy Gane, The NIV Application Commentary: Leviticus, Numbers, p.181
To the Israelite the **First Fruit Offering** was:

- a reminder of God’s covenant;
- a reminder of a grace provision that preceded them;
- a reminder of God’s generous promises;
- a confirmation of a commitment to the Lord;
- a proclamation of the sovereignty of God;
- a personal statement of faith, trust, confidence, and gratitude;
- a proclamation that the Lord reigned supreme in their lives.
The **First Fruit** Offering

- Presents *giving at its best*
- Proclaims *God comes first*
- Dedicates *the heart of the giver*
Meropi Gjika
THE END