

SLIDE	NOTES
1	<p>TITLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In this module we discuss the deadly virtue of SELF-SACRIFICE * Duty ethics claims that self-sacrifice out of love for others is the greatest of all virtues.
2	<p>THE GIVING TREE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The children's book called "The Giving Tree" has been described as 'one of the most divisive books in children's literature. ... * The book has been met with criticism for the way in which it depicts the relationship between the boy and the tree. * Some authors believe that the book is not actually intended for children, but instead should be treated as a satire aimed at adults. * Either way, "The Giving Tree" is an excellent example illustrating the deadly virtue of self-sacrifice. <p>Anim1: Quote Anim2: Quote Anim3: Quote</p>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Nice try...all self-sacrificers have to cheat before reaching the final, logical conclusion, and this story did it too. <p>Anim: Alternate Ending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Because there is an infinite supply of people out there to give to, it doesn't matter how much you give, you can always give more, and it is never enough.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Giving Tree summarizes historical Christianity's false notion of Christ-like love being self-sacrificial. * Quote John 15:13 is a common stumbling block scripture used by historical Christianity to promote self-sacrifice. * In other words for duty ethics, it is not the achievement and attainment of values, but rather, the sacrifice of values that is the hallmark of the true saint. <p>Anim1: Quote Anders Nygren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Much of historical Christianity takes this scripture to the ultimate possible conclusion to promote the false notion that Christ's love was self-sacrificial in not just a mortal life sense, but also in an eternal life sense. <p>Anim1: Quote Mother Teresa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In other words, the ultimate duty ethics required of historical Christianity is to ruin yourself, give up your eternal spiritual advantages, and be cut off from eternal life all for the sake of others. * Good luck with that...Satan must be showing the most self-sacrificial love then, losing his eternal life in order to provide temptations for us to overcome and be saved. * There is not a soul in heaven who is asked in the name of Christlike love to surrender or otherwise sacrifice their eternal life for others...Mortal life, YES, but eternal life, NEVER! * Also, recall that Jesus Christ Himself, died on the cross for "the joy that was set before him."
5	<p>What do you think Brigham Young had to say on this subject?</p> <p>Quote Brigham Young Quote Brigham Young Quote Brigham Young</p> <p>But don't we believe in Sacrifice?</p>
6	<p>LAW OF SACRIFICE</p> <p>Yes...The restored gospel of Jesus Christ believes in the "law of sacrifice", NOT the "law of self-sacrifice".</p> <p>Anim1: Quote Elder Uchtdorf Anim2: Quote Brigham Young</p>

	<p>Anim3: Quote Brigham Young</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Law of Sacrifice is life beneficial and laden with values. It means giving up a lesser condition to gain a greater condition (trading up) * Self-Sacrifice is exactly as the word says "Self Destructive" and Duty Laden (meaning you must do it no matter what you think about it or how it affects you). It means giving up a greater condition to gain a lesser condition. <p>Chess</p> <p>Anim4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In chess, sacrifice means giving up a piece of lesser value (such as a pawn) in order to capture a piece of greater value (such as a queen). * Imagine playing chess from a self-sacrifice perspective. * The game would be over in a hurry, with the self-destruction of the self-sacrificer. * Likewise, in real life, the self is the greatest value anyone has. Consequently, any sacrifice of self, is by definition, self-destructive. <p>Can you imagine the Pioneers crossing the plains with a Philosophy of Self-Sacrifice?</p> <p>...Only 1 of them (the least self-sacrificial one) would have made it to the Salt Lake Valley as he maintained his life needs, and the rest sacrificed themselves along the way for his benefit.</p>
7	<p>War</p> <p>Is war an example of self-sacrifice?</p> <p>Can you imagine the people's response to captain Moroni if he had ripped his coat and wrote on it "Self-sacrifice yourself with no thought of reward! ... Go give up your life whether it does any good or not, because it is your duty."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The story would have turned out very differently. ... And that wasn't his sales pitch. <p>Anim: Alma 46:12.</p> <p>Captain Moroni didn't make an altruistic, duty ethics appeal. He reminded the people of the values they needed to protect potentially at the cost of their own mortal lives.</p>
8	<p>The Gospel Target is the "Law of Sacrifice" ... Calculated Self-Progression or "Trading Up"</p> <p>What would undershooting the mark be?</p> <p>Anim1: Self-Indulgence...Ruining yourself by giving into every destructive bodily appetite.</p> <p>What would overshooting the mark be?</p> <p>Anim2: Self-Sacrifice...Destructively giving away all things to others that you need to further your own life and progression.</p> <p>In the end, with either undershooting and overshooting you are dead...The "Self" that was once you is destroyed.</p>
9	<p>What about Christ? Did he Self-Sacrifice himself for us?</p> <p>Is He better-off or worse-off for his atonement?</p> <p>A simple Topical Guide study on the word "Glory" will answer that question:</p> <p>Anim1-5:</p> <p>If Christ hadn't done it, would he be receiving dominion over all of us and glory?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * If the story of Christ ended with the cross, then it would indeed be a story about self-sacrifice. However, Christ's sacrifice is only but an introduction to the eternal nature of His gospel.
10	<p>What about us? What do you and I get out of it?</p>

	<p>Anim1-9: Glory Scriptures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Notice the final state as "Priests and Kings" ... Not "Slaves or Beggars"* The End-goal of sacrifice is Eternal Glory* The End-goal of self-sacrifice is a stump for other people to sit on.->pellets to
11	Questions? Rating?