

SURRENDERED
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❖ The Truth of Today:

- You must SEEK God's KINGDOM first.

❖ What is God's Kingdom?

- ANYWHERE God rules.
"The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out."

John 12:31 (NLT)

You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil – the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

Ephesians 2:2 (NLT)

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

... the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:8-10 (NASB)

- To seek God's Kingdom first, you must SURRENDER.
- To surrender to God, you must be MOTIVATED to change.

❖ What Motivates You to Change?

1. Fear.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...

Psalms 111:10 (NIV)

2. Love.

And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. ¹⁸Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

1 John 4:17-18 (NLT)

❖ How to Surrender it All to God:

1. Love GOD more than you love the WORLD.

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead.

Philippians 3:8-10 (NLT)

2. You must avoid ENTANGLEMENTS.

And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before.

2 Peter 2:20 (NLT)

For everything in the world the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 John 2:16 (NIV)

3. Know your BODY is a part of God's Kingdom.

Then the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁶"Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel."

Jeremiah 18:5-6 (NASB)

4. You must be WILLING to surrender it all.

And so, dear brother and sisters, I pled with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable.

Romans 12:1 (NLT)

Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, being found in appearance as a man, ⁸he humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7-8 (NLT)

There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 14:12 (NASB)

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