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THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE



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They chose Stephen, a man full of faith
and of the Holy Spirit

— Acts 6:5

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At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

— Acts 7:57-58

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While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

— Acts 7:59-60

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...On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

— Acts 8:1-3

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“Worldliness is what any particular culture does to make sin look normal and righteousness look strange.”

— David Wells

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***03. WAYS OF
COMPROMISE***



***01. THEOLOGICAL
COMPROMISE***

“The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions.”

— A. W. Tozer

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***02. MORAL
COMPROMISE***

*“Three marks of a moral revolution:
Something that was nearly universally condemned is
now nearly universally celebrated.
That which was celebrated is condemned.
Those who refuse to celebrate are condemned.”*

— Theo Hobson

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***03. LEADERSHIP
COMPROMISE***



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CONSECRATE

“Make holy. Separation from the common and profane, to set apart for a specific use, anything reserved for God’s purpose, to be prepared.”

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***CONSECRATION =
CLEANSING + SACRIFICE
+ DEDICATION***



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...I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction. “Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow’”

— Joshua 7:12-13

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Every devoted thing is most holy to the Lord

— Leviticus 27:28 ESV

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**A SPIRIT-FILLED CONSECRATED LIFE WILL
LEAD TO A LIFESTYLE OF REDEMPTION**

**A SPIRIT-FILLED CONSECRATED LIFE WILL
LEAD TO A LIFESTYLE OF RESISTANCE**

...share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

— Colossians 1:12-14

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You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of
your servant, our father David

— Acts 4:25

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...“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.”

— Acts 4:25-26

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Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

— Acts 4:27

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They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law.”

— Acts 6:13

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Therefore, to stop the rumor, Nero falsely charged with guilt, and punished with the most fearful tortures, the persons commonly called Christians, who were hated for their enormities. Christus, the founder of that name, was put to death as a criminal by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea, in the reign of Tiberius, but the pernicious superstition - repressed for a time, broke out yet again, not only through Judea, - where the mischief originated, but through the city of Rome... Accordingly first those were arrested who confessed they were Christians; next on their information, a vast multitude were convicted, not so much on the charge of burning the city, as of "hating the human race."

— Tacitus



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***CULTURE BOTH
EXPRESSES AND EXPLOITS
THE HUMAN HEART***

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!”

— Abraham Kuyper

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“Jesus’ message was after all inescapably political. He denounced rulers, real and self-appointed. He spoke of good news for the poor. He announced the imminent destruction of the Jerusalem temple. At the start of a festival celebrating Israel’s liberation, he organized around himself what could only have looked like a royal procession. He died the death of the criminal, the political insurrectionists. How could he not have been ‘political’ ?”

— N.T. Wright

***WE ARE NOT APPROACHING IT
FROM A PLACE OF CONSECRATION.***

***WE ARE APPROACHING IT FROM A
PLACE OF CONDEMNATION.***



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***01. WE ARE
CONSECRATED TO
A PERSON***

Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

— Titus 2:14 ESV

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...“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!”

— Revelation 19:6-9

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***02. WE ARE
CONSECRATED TO
A PURPOSE***

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

— 2 Timothy 2:20-21

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But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

— Acts 6:10

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Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment

— John 16:7-8 ESV

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“There is a common, worldly kind of Christianity in this day, which many have, and think they have enough, a cheap Christianity which offends nobody, and requires no sacrifice—which costs nothing, and is worth nothing.”

— J.C. Ryle

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Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

— 2 Timothy 2:25-26

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“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute?”

— Acts 7:51-52

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WE WILL NEVER HAVE A
PROPHETIC VOICE WITH A
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“The world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to Him”

— Dwight L. Moody

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***03. WE ARE
CONSECRATED TO
A POWER***

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power,
performed great wonders and signs among the
people.

— Acts 6:8

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All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

— Acts 6:15

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“For heaven to gain space in us the world must lose”

— Jordan Seng

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We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

— 2 Corinthians 4:10

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Where do you see possible compromise in the church or in your life?*
- 2. What does the word consecrate mean to you?*
- 3. Where do you see the kingdom of darkness battling with the kingdom of light?*
- 4. What areas of your life led you to seek cleaning, dedication, and sacrifice?*

GROUP PRACTICE

1. Spend time praying and invite the Holy Spirit to show you where you can be more consecrated.

2. Write down and share with someone else specifically where you want to be more cleansed, dedicated, and sacrificial.

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Rule and Reign of Jesus



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Limited Authority
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Redemptive Geometry

**Convicting
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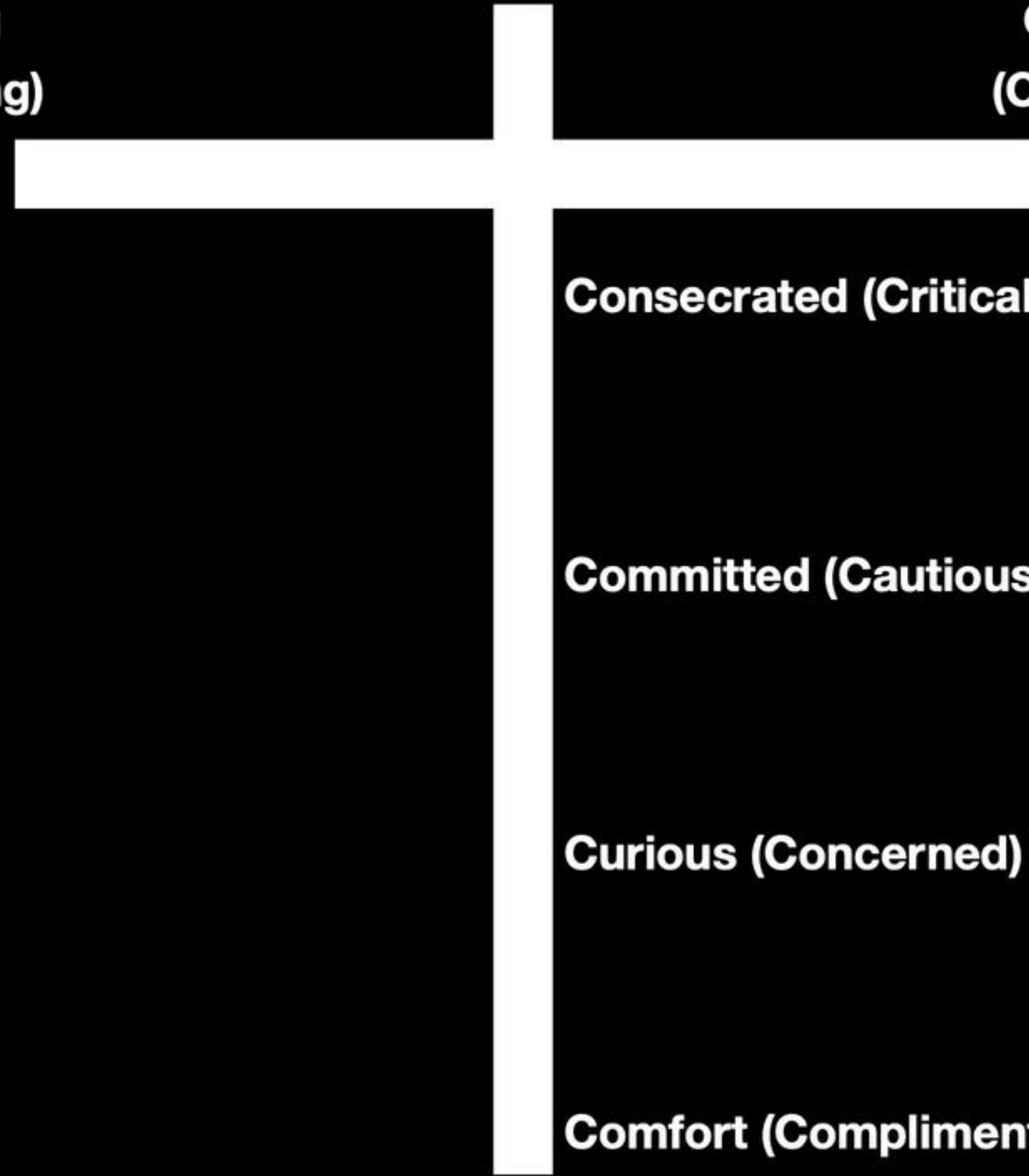
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REDEMPTIVE GEOMETRY

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