

## HANDOUT PART SIX: "God's Perspective on CONSECRATION"

### This Week's Focus is on Giving All the Keys of Our Lives to God...Holding Nothing Back!

How Do You Respond to God's Question...*"Have You Given Me All the Keys to Your Life?"* Have You Given God Complete Control of Your Heart...Your Mind... Your Possessions? God Wants All Of YOU...Not Just Part of YOU...Therefore, Consecration Requires Complete Surrender of Everything!

The Choice to Consecrate Yourself...Depends Upon Whether YOU Have A Correct View of Salvation! POINT...If YOU View YOUR Faith in the Lord Jesus as Being a Favor to the Lord and Your Faith in God As a Courtesy to Him...It Will Be Impossible For YOU To Understand Consecration.

**READ 2 Corinthians 5:14-15** A Man Lives Unto the Lord Because he is Constrained by the Lord's Love.

- Constrained can be Translated "Pressed On from All Sides," or Tightly Confined on All Sides.

FACT: When Persons Are in Love, They Will have a Sense of Bondage to that Person! The Christian is to Be So Bound to Christ; That We Have No Way Out. As Christ Died for Us...We Are To Live Unto Him.

Consecration is Based on the Lord's Love...But it is Also Based on the Lord's Right!

- 1 Cor. 6:19-20: *"You are Not Your Own... For You Have Been Bought with a Price."*

Our Lord gave His own life for us to Purchase Us Back to Himself...Because the Lord has Redeemed Us, We Willingly Lose Our Own Freedom for Him. {Bond Servant...SLAVE!}.

*However...Merely Being Constrained by Love or Acknowledging His Legal Right Does Not Constitute Consecration. There is a Further Step that We Must Take...Through the Lord's Constraining Love and Based on His Purchase, **We Separate Ourselves Unto God... This is Consecration.***

- The Chinese Union Version Translates Consecration as "The Receiving of the Holy Service."
- *Consecration is Receiving the Ministry of Serving God. It's to Say to the Lord, "Today I Will Separate Myself from Everything to Serve You, Because You have Loved Me."*

**READ Exodus 28:1-2 & Exodus 29:1, 4 9,10: God Chooses Us for Holy Service!**

- Of the Levites, Only the Household of Aaron Received the Holy Service of Priesthood. *Only the Members of this Household the household of Aaron were Qualified to be Priests, and Only They Could Consecrate Themselves.*

**BUT NOT TODAY!!! Thank God, Today Believers are the Members of this Household!**

- Revelation 1:5-6 says, *Unto Him that Loved Us and Washed Us from Our Sins in His Own Blood, and Hath Made Us Kings and Priests Unto God and His Father.*

Today God has Chosen You and Me...to be the Priests; Therefore, We are the Members of this Household Hence, We are Qualified to Consecrate Ourselves.

**THE KEY: Man Does Not Consecrate Himself Because he Has Chosen God. Rather God is the One who Chooses and Calls. Then It's Man's Responsibility to Consecrate Himself to GOD.**

We Must Realize that Our Service to God is NOT a FAVOR Or COURTESY To GOD.

- It is NOT a Matter of Offering Ourselves to God's Work...*But a Matter of God Being Gracious to Us and Giving Us a Portion of His work!*

KEY: Consecration is God Calling Us into His service. It is an Honor Bestowed On us by God...If We Boast in Anything at All, We Must Boast in Our Marvelous Lord.

*There is Nothing Marvelous for the Lord to have Servants like Us...The Marvelous Thing is for Us to have Such a Lord!*

- To See that Consecration is the Result of Being Chosen.
- Serving God is an Honor to Us. We are Not Uplifting God, as if We Were Sacrificing Anything for Him Or as if We Had Any Glory in Ourselves.
- Consecration is God Giving Us the Glory.

That is Why We Are To Humble Ourselves Before Him and Say, "Thank You that I can have a Part in Your Service...There are So Many People in this World, Yet I'm Chosen to Have a Part In It!"

- Consecration Is Our Honor...Not Our Sacrifice.
- In Consecration. There is Only the Full Sense of God's Glory.
- It is true that we need to have the greatest sacrifice, But there is NO Sense of Sacrifice in Consecration. There is Only the Full Sense of God's Glory.

Romans 14:8 says, *"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord"*.

We who are Redeemed & Bought by the Lord belong to Him, whether we live or die, We are the Lord's. The Purpose of Our Consecration to the Lord is "To Live To Him".

**Living to Him is Higher than Living For Him.** When We live for Him, We and He may Still be Two, But when "We Live TO Him", We Must be One With Him...Taking Him NOT Only as Our Life...But Also As Our Person.

Praise the Lord that He is the Consecrated One, and In All Our Living and Actions, We Should Take Him, Allowing Him to Live Himself Through Us!

**This Morning...Let me ask you, "Are You Constrained Because of the Love of God in Your life?"**

- Are You Pressed on from All Sides," So that You are Tightly Confined on All Sides?
- Has God's Love Bound You Up so Completely that You Cannot Run Away from Him?

*Because the Lord has Redeemed YOU...With His Blood...Are You Willing to Lose Your Own Freedom...To Replace Your Own Agenda and All those Things that Keep You from Giving God 100%...Are You Willing to Replace All This For HIM?*

***Are You Willing To Turn Over All The Keys To Christ...So That He May Enter Every Room of Your Heart and Accomplish His Purpose in Your Life?***

The Apostle Paul called this Being a Bond Servant...Being In Christ He Had NO Rights of His Own...He Gave Up All His Rights to Be a Bond Servant /Slave for Christ.

The Bond Slave Gave Up All The KEYS To His Master...Holding Nothing Back!!

**POINT: THE KEY TO CONSECRATION IS NOT HOLDING ANY KEYS BACK!**

CONSECRATION is Being Constrained by Gods Love and Realizing We Have NO Rights of our Own except to Receive the "Holy Service" that He has Graciously Given for Us to do.

*Next week we will end Our series on Consecration and I hope you can be here because What I have to share I believe will "Dramatically Change" the way You see Your relationship with Christ!*