

## What does it mean to be CONSECRATED?

To be set apart for a special purpose.  
To be associated with the sacred, the pure and the holy things.  
To be precious, valuable and treasured.

Similar words: Sanctified, cleansed, dedicated, sacrificed.

A key feature of consecration is making a SACRIFICE unto God. It is not something you do to earn your salvation, but it's the appropriate response to understanding his mercy, and the promises he has made to you as his beloved.

*(Romans 12:1-2) I beseech you therefore, brethren, **by the mercies of God**, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service**. And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

It involves a conscious choice to daily put your flesh on the alter and crucify it so you are able to walk in the spirit by faith, just as Christ walked.

*(Galatians 2:20) **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.***

## How am I CONSECRATED?

○ You must first be made clean and washed by the blood of Jesus. Receive forgiveness for your sin and be made a new creature, grafted into the family of God (Romans 11)  
*(1 John 1:7b) .. **and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

○ You are then continually sanctified and purified by submitting to the truth of God's word.  
*(John 17:17) Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.***

Do not neglect the importance of looking into the mirror of the word of God daily, and changing what you see to match what is written.

*(James 1:22-25) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.***

Reading the word of God is a discipline you must cultivate in order to be set apart unto God, because by it you can distinguish between good and evil. Being obedient to the word of God also brings about blessings in all you do.

○ You then abide in Christ. Allow God to prune you and you'll bear fruit for his glory with the help of his Holy Spirit.

*(John 14:5-8) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

Bearing fruit is essential part of being set apart and your fruit identifies you as a genuine follower of Jesus Christ.

## What are the results of my CONSECRATION?

Being sanctified and cleansed of your old sinful desires makes you more useful to God. There are many different vessels in the Lord's house, and only those that are cleansed are fit for use by Him.

*(2 Timothy 1:22-25) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

**But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness...Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

*But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.*

**If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**

If you want to be used by the Lord purge yourself, and come to him with a humble and contrite heart, willing to obey the instructions he gives you.

Sanctification and consecration are the beginnings of walking in your purpose.

## What specific areas need to be CONSECRATED unto God?

- Your body (Sexual purity in thought and deed)

Consecration starts with the temple of the living God, which if you are His is your body. Flee all forms of sexual immorality because it is sin, it defiles your own body and dishonours God.

*(1 Thessalonians 4:3-7) For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

Being able to control and restrain your body with its impulses and sexual desires shows that the Holy Spirit is producing the fruit of self-control in you. Sexual immorality is not to be taken lightly, you must battle it with ALL of you.

- Your friendships and relationships

The issues of the heart determine the course of your life. Ensure you are submitting all your relations to God and avoid intimate associations with those who are unbelievers.

*(2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; As God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

- Your lifestyle, hobbies and interest

You should be mindful of the media content you consume (TV shows, music, movies, social media) and the social activities you are often involved in (sport, travel, leisure..)

Be honest about how they affect your zeal and passion for the things of God and how much they conform you to the world. If they cause you to stumble, be willing to cut them off. Remember that consecration involves sacrifice.

*(Matthew 5:29-30) And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*

**And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee:** for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

*(Matthew 6:22-23) The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if **thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.** If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*

## Final encouragements

Be **sober**, be **obedient** and be **holy** as the father is holy. The Lord never commands us to do things that are impossible, his commands are not burdensome and his Spirit will empower us if we are willing.

*(1 Peter 1:13-22) Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, **be sober**, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

*As **obedient** children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:*

**But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

**Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

*And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, **pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:***

*Forasmuch as ye know that **ye were not redeemed with corruptible things**, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;*

**But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

*Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; **that your faith and hope might be in God.***

Remember the hope you have and the promises you wait for in Christ. Set your mind on those things that are above where He is, seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Reflection Questions..

What do I understand by Consecration?

How has the Lord currently been consecrating me?

What areas in my life and heart do I need to rededicate to the Lord?

What God-given goals and desires can be accomplished through my consecration?