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The Act Of Personal Consecration #1 by Minister R. Thomas Lambur

Consecration is the action of continually separating oneself from everything except what God appoints us to. Consecration is not a one time action or experience but an ongoing process whereby a person continues to separate their self looking to God for His priorities.

All To Jesus I Surrender

The famous hymn puts into words “*All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give... All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow...All to Jesus I surrender, Make me Savior wholly Thine...All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give my-self to Thee*” ...

The expression of this hymn puts into words for us the idea of placing one’s heart upon the altar of God. This is the act of consecration to the Lord when we helplessly abandon ourselves for His purpose in our life. Our life is enriched when we are completely and wholly surrendered to the perfect will of God! The human hunger and thirst for personal fulfillment identifies a spiritual void for God and for His service, which without fulfillment, leaves little if no satisfaction in the life He has given us. Yes, people try to fill this void with many other things but none the less it will not cure the desires for what can be received only from God. To be filled with God and His purposes and His will for our lives, we must make room for it. This involves the emptying of ourselves to make room for God and His plans for us in this life.

Consecration Unto The Voice Of God

Moses had his burning bush... from which the voice of the Lord spoke with clarity his mission and purpose as a deliverer. If you will learn to establish the voice of God in your life as Moses did you will begin to find and understand the ways of God early on. If you will be attentive to establish the voice of God in your life and His leading, then every area of your life will be opened unto the realm of God’s Kingdom. Assigned missions always require a transition, a movement from where you are into your promise land. Such movement requires your attentiveness in receiving not only the open doors through which God has ordained you to pass, but also in receiving His divine supply to carry out His plan. The voice of God will start in your life as a still small voice, yet, as you will continue to hear this voice, it shall become as profound unto you as it was to the Apostle John who heard it as a roaring fall and whose strong voice was identified from a multitude of voices. To do this, you must commit yourself to hearing the voice of His word, and hear it often, because it will be the light in your path and the direction that you will need to seek for the fulfillment of your life.

Abandon Yourself To God And Find Everything

This is the main qualifier for those who desire to live a fulfilled and abundant life. The observation of this simple quotation from Jesus and doing it can set your life into motion for finding His purpose. Jesus says that if we seek our life to find its purpose on

our own then we will lose our opportunity to discover the purposes that we were really born into this earth for. Jesus says that only in losing this attitude in trying to find our purpose on our own, and changing that attitude by seeking Him for that purpose, will we truly be shown. When we discover that His thoughts on this subject of our purpose are beyond our own insights and that we really don't possess all the insights and direction that we need, then we can become opened up for Him to speak His word into our lives, revealing the necessary links that can take us to those higher desires within us.

First Things First – The Law Of First Priority

With God, not all things are expedient. So, we must seek Him for His priorities and establish them in our lives. Because God is a God of order, we come to a place in our walk with Him where we need adjustments. Consecration is finding out those priorities and doing that which pleases the Lord.

The Cross

Taking up thy cross and following Him is the first consecration. This speaks to the destiny that God has for us. The Cross that Jesus is speaking of is the mission statement of our life. There is a mission to be fulfilled; that is why you're here. Before we were in our mother's womb the Lord first had a special task to be fulfilled. When He thought of that task being completed, He thought about you. He says that he has sent you for a purpose and that the purpose is to be completed. The first thing we must do is seek Him to show us this purpose. It is our mission statement for life.

Separation And Growth For His Purpose And Mission

Paul and Barnabas heard the Holy Spirit tell them to separate themselves for the mission that He had called them unto. They were seeking God at the time this happened. They were attending church, listening to men of God preach God's Holy Word in their ears. They were in an atmosphere that was congenial for the Holy Spirit to tell them this. Consecration for Paul came about when he was young. Paul's life was a building process. He had a very good teacher and mentor named Gamaliel. Gamaliel was very wise in his knowledge of the Lord's word. Paul grew in the things of God. Yet, Paul's consecration was headed in a wrong direction and it was the Lord's appearing to him in mid life which changed his direction. Sometimes we think we are traveling in the right direction and we are full of zeal about it, but on this journey to fulfill our assignment, we need to be sensitive to the leading of the Lord and not take the path of mere ambition. Ambition is a motivator, a deep determination inside that brings progression. Ambition unchecked can become dangerous. There have been many who have followed pure ambition and ended up going astray from hitting the mark. Paul says that he is striving for the high calling of God and later says that he has finished his race and won the prize. Paul did not get there alone. He was paying attention to the One who had gotten him back onto the right path. The Bible says the good man's steps are ordered by the Lord. You need to look for that order from God to align with His purpose and mission for your life.

Consecration Produces Directive

It doesn't take long before you realize that you're starting to make some progress. Once you have decided what God wants you to do, you should make and keep a list of those

things in front of you. If you keep a list, knocking out the short term goals, it won't be long until you will see the long term goals completed. This following of order in your life will become a habit. Once you have completed one thing go to another, working at a steady pace through your day and week. You have established a directive. Complete your goals, stay with it, and finish what you have started. It is the faithfulness to those small accomplishments that add up to winning the bigger prize. Making a list of three priorities per day and then making adjustments for additional needs that come into the picture during your week should move you along. Seek the Lord in the beginning of the week on the Lord's Day (Sunday) as well as daily for His details. Then adjust these by the highest priority to the lowest, according to His perspective. It is your faithfulness to these small goals from which you will see God's unfolding will being completed in your life.

Personal Areas Of Consecration For His Success

You will find that in order to complete your purpose and mission in life and win the prize you will need to consecrate yourself unto the Lord in personal areas in your life. These areas to be consecrated are: the mind unto the mind of Christ, the will unto the will of God, the body as unto the Lord's temple, our way unto the Kingdom of God from the fallen world's system, and our desires unto our destiny separating from those who desire to draw us away from God's plans.

Let's start with the mind. We all start off with a fallen intellect and through salvation are called to receive the mind of Christ. When we renew our minds according God's Truth we receive light into our soul and find the Lord speaking to us through His Spirit, showing us the right way and His perfect will. We are told by Scripture that we are to prove this will which is perfect, by understanding what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God for us. The will of God is for all of us but God's will is also individual according to His gifts and callings over our lives. Secondly, after we have found the perfect will of God in our life, we need to consecrate the body to that purpose. This means that we believe our body is His temple filled with His Spirit and that it is sacred to us. We need to take an account of our life styles and whether we are using our bodies in the direction that the Lord would commend us for in conduct and in purpose. Thirdly, the world is fallen, yet, they esteem themselves to be wise. This wisdom comes not from God but from the lower fallen nature and is demonically influenced. The spirit that works in the children of disobedience has a nature after the devil which is founded upon lusting after desires which are ungodly. The love of the Father God, as we Christians know it, is not found there and their type of love is centered and grounded in selfish desires. They know not the true love which comes to those who have made Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior of their life. The fallen world's path is one of destruction and is focused on destroying God's dream for your life. Fourthly, there are those, whose relationships will cause you distraction, causing you to be detoured and even to abandon God's will for your life. The dream hater, the devil, whose name is called "*the opposer*," doesn't want you to finish and win the prize. So, he will send anyone to you who he thinks will take you off course and away from the race, because he doesn't want you to make the finish line. Like running a long distance run, the competition wants you to lose. The competition's strategy, the Bible calls them tricks, is to either get you to race off course down another pathway or to knock you out by getting you involved in following

someone other than Jesus and His plan for your life. Not all relationships are good ones. You need to evaluate the ones that are causing you to be detoured from your priorities and make changes in your relationships with them. Find those who help to cheer you on to the finish line; those are relationships that should be cherished.

Coming Under The Knife

A person cannot enter their promise land without coming under the knife. What I mean is that unless you are willing to allow the Lord to cut away what is wrong in your life you will not be able to end up at your intended destiny. The Lord deals with us as sons. So tell me who has sons which he cannot correct while developing them? If you cannot take a mentor or life coach speaking into your life, you will be disqualified for its goal. If you cannot take reproofs or the corrections which cut away at unproductive desires and steer you away from things that cause you to waste your time and energies, things that take away from your mandate from heaven, then you will end up falling short of completion. Pruning is necessary for you to bring forth the productive results you seek. Mentors speak into a person's life wisdom to bring about changes necessary for this development. Wisdom speaks strongly and only those who have a teachable attitude from their heart for this teaching of correction and adjustment can take it inside of them and then apply it. All the major athletes you see need coaches. Gaining wisdom means gaining more accuracy in hitting life's target. So training on the bow makes a person able to place the arrow across the bow and shoot it into the bull's eye, hitting the mark. We are called to hit the mark in life. Without development, a person tends to drift in life in a sea of confusion and never really conquers the obstacles which stand in opposition to the dream. Drifting boats represent those persons who have no direction or sense of destiny else they would have a compass and a charted course and be actively making headway, paddling forward! Mentors are those who can help you to be promoted, giving you input and insights to remove the obstacles in your life. Some areas of your life do not produce for you the desired results. You will need to either cut them off and focus on what is more productive or adjust these areas and fine tune them to see them bring forth fruit. Sometimes others can see things more readily than we do. Find people who will help you grow. Be planted and watch your life flourish under God's gardening hands.

The Consecration Of Leadership

The consecration which involves ourselves at the highest level is known as the consecration of leadership. Leaders are those who have already made themselves ready for the Lord's use by surrendering and yielding to Him in their daily personal lives. The Bible calls leaders *vessels of honor* because they have become vessels which pour out unto others and reproduce faithful believers who are in turn yielding themselves unto God for development. The Lord says, "I am the potter and you are the clay." To become the clay that makes us a *vessel of honor* we must first be moved through the wire grid before being placed upon the wheel. Clay which yields to the Master's design is clay that *responds easily* to whatever *shape* and *form* He chooses. This speaks of having a *teachable spirit!* After this, the clay goes *through the fire*. Then it is sun tested for *cracks*. Those vessels with cracks get wax filling and *sold for cheap*. Those vessels that are whole and without cracks are *placed in a special room* and *reserved* for the buyers who want *the best vessels*. These are the *vessels of honor*. They have gone through *all these*

processes and have become *honorable vessels for special service* on our Master's table *ready to pour out life giving contents*. The leader is *a cut above* because *his desires* and *gratitude* are such toward His Lord, from seeing what the Lord has done for him, that he wants to see the Lord help others. This is the heart of leaders who are asked by their Lord to set themselves further aside, laying their life down to see that the spiritual priorities and progress of the Lord take root and growth in others. This role is the role of an *under-shepherd* who has been following the Lord as a sheep and who is now being promoted into an *under-shepherd role*. Sometimes we call it a *bell sheep* because leaders are called to be the ones who are closest to the Chief Shepherd at the head of the herd. The bell of the bell sheep is heard *ringing out* for all the other sheep to follow the Chief Shepherd's lead. Leaders are in reality the best of all followers and this is why the Lord places them at the head of the herd.

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Discussion & Prayer Time:

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