

YOUR SURRENDER IS REQUIRED

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The word surrender can mean to give up the fight or you have lost. Surrendering your life to Jesus is not a loss; rather, it's a victory. Allowing Jesus to be the driving force in your life means you must give Him total control. You have to give Him every key to every room in your temple. After all, we are the temple the Holy Spirit dwells in. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

It's easy to let your perceptions sway you away from totally surrendering to Jesus. Too often stories and anecdotes build on theology of the Spirit rather than the clear teachings of the Bible. You must surrender to His will and Word.

Surrendering and learning how to walk in the Spirit is based on Biblical principles. These principles are the Biblical skeleton structure upon which your relationship with the Holy Spirit is built. It's the indwelling Holy Spirit that's going to guide you after you surrender your will to Jesus.

Here is an acronym to help you on your journey of surrendering your will to Jesus: **SWAP**.

Surrender to His will and every word.

Wait on God in prayer.

Avoid sin and let God root out all unrighteousness

Pursue the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

These are four commands that help you build the framework needed. Among the clear commands and descriptions about walking in the Spirit, it's helpful to highlight these four.

1. Be **rooted** completely **in the vine** so that the sap of His word flows through you.
2. Let the **wineskin** of your mind **be filled** and influenced only by the Spirit.
3. Let Jesus and His word have **unhindered access** to every room of your life.
4. **Keep in step** with the heavenly **Guide**.

There is one thing that gets in the way of you following these principles, and that one thing is a game changer. It is control. Surrendering and giving up your will and desires for those of Jesus is critical. You remember we mentioned every room; if you do not give Jesus the keys to every room in your temple then you have not completely surrendered. You want Jesus in your life at *your* prompting, not His.

It all comes back to control. You see you may have surrendered, but not committed. The essence of control is surrender. And surrender is not the same as commitment. The fullness of the Spirit starts at the front door of your house. The occupying of your house commences with the greeting, "Lord, here are all of the keys."

People love commitment because they are still in control. But the key word is surrender. We are to be slaves of the Lord Jesus Christ. Commitment can be self-centered and cause-centered. Commitment is fundamentally about "me." How strongly are you devoted to someone or something? Surrender is all about the other person. I relinquish my rights and give up control to Jesus Christ.

Are you committed to me or to a task? Which is it? I had never thought about it like that before. You know, God called you to serve here, and it may be years later and He is telling you He needs you to serve somewhere else. For it to be surrendered commitment, our ears must continually listen for His voice to guide, turn, and direct us along the journey of life.

You must surrender to His every Word. This is a daily happening in your life. Meditate on this verse. “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16)

People fail to experience the powerful presence of the Spirit of Jesus because they fail to live according to His will. His will is that His name and His kingdom would become great in every unreached place on earth. Make no mistake, living for the mission of God is the most challenging and faith-stretching thing you will ever do, but it’s what you are called to do.

As you surrender and allow Jesus to be the controlling force in your life, you become more Christlike. The daily work of surrender will only find its power through the breakthroughs of transforming experiences of surrender. When you surrender you will see Jesus move in your life and this will be such an encouragement to you. Yes, He lives and yes, He blesses. This is what Jesus did for us. ⁷ In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. ⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,” (Hebrews 5:7-9)

Surrendering means coming to the alter and saying “yes.” You must come surrendering control of your life to Him. You must give Him the keys to every room in your house. In the process of surrender, the harmony of the relationship thrives.

To grow into the fullness of Jesus you must keep saying “yes” to every word of Jesus. You will find these as you dig deep into the Bible and ponder how to lovingly obey each one. Jesus will speak to you in those moments. Please surrender all to Jesus. You will not regret it. Have a blessed week.

I Give You My Heart:

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