

Day 1: Surrender to God's Will

Read: 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 that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. - Romans 12:1-2

Write out this verse in your own words:

What are some of the words you do not understand?
Write them out here and look up their meaning:

Truths to Consider:

A true believer will want to discover and to do God's will because he understands that God's will is good, acceptable and perfect. God's will is always God's best, therefore in order to have God's best for us we must know God's will and live it out in every aspect of our lives. We can only know God's will for our lives as we yield ourselves to the Lord. In order to enter into Christ's victory in our lives, living surrendered lives to the Lord is necessary.

Questions to Consider:

What does it mean to you that God's mercies are what are to drive us to surrender to Him?

What is the significance of being a living sacrifice? What can a living sacrifice do? How does this relate to our need to continually surrender to the Lord?

Are you willing to fully surrender to the Lord in regard to the issues you are facing?

Are you willing to fully surrender every part of your life to the Lord?

What would cause you to hold back from surrendering to the Lord?

Based upon what you have read write out a prayer to the Lord:

Day 2: Total Surrender

Read: Galatians 5:24-25

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. - Galatians 5:24-25

Write out this verse in your own words:

What are some of the words you do not understand?
Write them out here and look up their meaning:

Truths to Consider:

Total surrender means that we have come to the place where we are willing to give up control of our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. A surrendered life is one where the Christian lives in surrender to the Holy Spirit moment by moment throughout his day. The decision to fully yield ourselves to the Lord is made up of continual steps of surrender than bring us to a more full and deeper walk with God.

Questions to Consider:

This verse talks about how we are Christ's. How did you become God's child?

The flesh is the the part of us that wants to live independent from God. What areas do you identify in your life that it is easy to want to live this way?

Living in the Spirit means walking in the Spirit. Walking is a series of steps we take. Stop and pray and ask God to reveal one step He would like you to take and write it down:

Based upon what you have read write out a prayer to the Lord:

Day 3: Progress over Perfection

Read: Psalm 37:23-24

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. - Psalm 37:23-24

Write out this verse in your own words:

What are some of the words you do not understand?

Write them out here and look up their meaning:

Truths to Consider:

In order for the steps to be ordered, a person must yield his will, emotions and desires to the Lord, by trusting that God's way is full of delight. Once we come to a place of complete surrender of our lives to the Lord, we realize that His ways bring delight to our lives. Verse 24 shows us that perfection is not the goal, but what can be expected is consistent progress. While there may be times when we fail, the righteous man, whose steps are ordered by the Lord, will rise again and continue walking in surrender to the Lord. Failure does not have to be final. When we yield our paths and every step we make on that path to the Lord, He enables us to rise again no matter how many times we may stumble.

Questions to Consider:

Read verse 24. What does this verse say about God and his relationship to us?

Read verse 25. Why does a person who is walking with the Lord not utterly cast down if they fall? How have you seen God uphold you through your life?

In your journey to live in continual victory, what would that look like for you?

What are you willing to surrender to the Lord to make that happen?

Based upon what you have read write out a prayer to the Lord:

Day 4: God's Purpose for us

Read: Romans 8:28-29 & Ephesians 2:4-10

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. - Romans 8:28-29

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:4-10

Write out Romans 8:28-29 in your own words:

What are some of the words you do not understand?

Write them out here and look up their meaning:

Truths to Consider:

In God's great purpose in our lives is for every believer to be made into the image of Christ. This happens as God works everything together that comes into our lives, and as we yield to His working in our lives. How you respond to these situations will often determine the outcome as to whether you become bitter or stronger. Total surrender demonstrates genuine faith in God. This is necessary for God's purpose to be fulfilled in your life.

Questions to Consider:

Ephesians refers to our position before salvation being dead in sins and contrasts that to our new position in Christ. What difference has salvation made in your life?

Workmanship = masterpiece. Who is the masterpiece referring to in this passage?

How would a master craftsman or artisan want his work treated and talked about?

Based upon what you have read write out a prayer to the Lord:

Day 5: Discipleship Qualifications

Read: Luke 14:25-27

And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. - Luke 14:25-27

Write out this verse in your own words:

What are some of the words you do not understand?
Write them out here and look up their meaning:

Truths to Consider:

Many people have the misconception that total surrender comes about as we go through a mental checklist of what we own, what we do, what our responsibilities are, all of our relationships and the countless other areas of stewardship God has entrusted to our care and as we think through the list, we give them back to God. While this may be a healthy mental exercise to do, it is not complete. We are certain to forget something that should be yielded to the Lord. Jesus' qualification for discipleship was not limited to yielding our responsibilities and relationships, but a willingness to give up one's own life. One's life is one's identity. Total surrender is found in the losing of our own identity and not finding our value in what we possess or what we can produce or in who we inherently are. Read Luke 17:33. Trying to define ourselves by what we do or what has happened to us will cause us to lose our identity which will result in living in insecurity. The good news is when you surrender your life (identity) to Christ, He gives you a new identity which is Christ's. This is a necessary exchange if we are to experience lasting victory.

Questions to Consider:

This passage is not talking about hating our family, but rather that our love for God should make our love for family pale in comparison. Ask God to examine your heart and reveal areas of your life you love more than Him. Write it down here.

In what areas have you found your value apart from God and His Word?

Are you willing to fully surrender your identity Christ?

Based upon what you have read write out a prayer to the Lord: