

## January 2024 Prayer Focus

### Living a Consecrated and Surrendered Life

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- Living a consecrated life is about making choices. Choosing to do things God's way and not our own way. Choosing to believe God and take Him at His word. Choosing to yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- God already made His choice. He loved us and sent His only Son to sacrifice His life for ours, to be bruised for our transgressions, to shed His blood for our sins. All because He loves you and wants to have a relationship with you. Again, consecration is our making a choice to choose Christ..
- We **can** live like Jesus. If it were not possible, the Word would have told us so. Instead, the Word calls us to be Holy, to renew our strength, to follow Christ, to be encouraged. Consecration isn't a hindrance to us, it helps us continue to build our faith and reassurance that God is with us as we continue to walk with Him as Christ sits at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. The Holy Spirit abides with us, here as our guide on how to walk in a manner that is pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

**IF YOU REALLY WANT HOLINESS... it is not beyond your reach.  
And without it, you will never share in GOD'S MIRACLE WORKING POWER!**

We all mess up, get off course and have things we need to clean out of our closets. But we don't have to tackle everything at once. God knew all about us, our sins, our ways, our behaviors when he wooed us to Himself. He sees and know everything about us, there is nothing we can do and nowhere we can go that He is not aware of. We cannot hide from Him. As we ask Him for forgiveness, we want to make sure we are repentant.

Repentance is about correction, and getting back on the right track. It's like traveling in a car and making a wrong turn, realizing we made it and then, as the GPS likes to state, "**rerouting**" to get back on track. Back on track to reach our final destination. A place we look forward to being....in a continued, surrendered, consecrated life unto our Lord,

Let us give thanks for the grace to consecrate ourselves, for the privilege to lay down our lives. We praise God for an opportunity to spend time in thorough repentance for everything that may hinder us in our consecration to God. He is aware of our passions, desires, and longings we haven't yet let go of. The Holy Spirit will guide us in acknowledging every little thing, leaving no stone unturned. The commitment to sincere repentance brings us to place of surrender. That surrender allows us to experience freedom and loosens us from every hold of the enemy. Once we taste the joyous fruit of repentance, it becomes a compelling desire of every consecrated soul

to live as such in God's presence, and everything hindering such freedom becomes a burden to rid ourselves of quickly.

### **Living a Consecrated life**

Consecration isn't a one-time thing, but a daily act of devoting yourself to the Lord. The following modifications should be added to daily living as we seek to live consecrated lives:

- Surrendering our will to the will of God, always.
- Fellowshiping regularly with true believers, as shared in Heb.10:25, *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*
- Repenting of your sins
- Affirming your faith through baptism
- Prioritizing your spiritual life over your earthly life
- Drawing closer to God through prayer and Biblical study
- Acting according to God's will.
- Getting to know the word, really believing the word, then living in and walking in the word.

#### **Suggested Prayer Points**

*These are just suggestions. As you spend time with God and inquire of Him how to address your prayers this month, feel free to direct your points as the Holy Spirit leads, and to use scriptures of your choosing.*

**Prayer Point:** Christ gave his life for us because He loved us. Let us pray that we identify with Him by loving Him enough to truly live our lives unto Him.

**Scriptures:**

**Galatians 6:10** - *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.*

**Prayer Point:** Lord, we pray that we live cognizant of pleasing you by presenting ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in everything we do.

**Scriptures:**

**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.*

**Prayer Point:** Pray to move from thinking that our education, our inheritance, our looks or talents made us. Prayer that we remember that God is our architect. He alone made us and knows all about us.

**Scriptures:**

**Psalm 100:3** - *"Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture."*

**Eph. 2:10** - *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God before prepared that we should walk in them".*

**Prayer Point:** As believers, who have been chosen and redeemed by God, are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which He has prepared for us to walk in. This requires our consent, which results in our offering ourselves to Him that He might work on us to complete His good works. This should be another purpose for which we consecrate ourselves to the Lord.

**Scriptures:**

**Ephesians 1:4** - *Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love*

**Prayer Point:** Pray that we not give the adversary an opportunity to enter our hearts, our space, or into our plans.

**Scriptures:**

**Mark 3:27** - *No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.*

**Prayer Point:** There are so many agenda pulling at us warring for our attention, our commitment, our hearts and for our families. Father help us to be able to distinguish between the godly and the ungodly...the righteous and the unrighteous

**Scriptures:**

**Matthew 12:30** - *"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.*

**Prayer Point:** Each of us wants to do your will. Let us pray that we recognize your will and have the discipline and courage to do it!

**Scriptures:**

**Hebrews 10:7** - *Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.*

**Prayer Point:** God wants us to be separate from the world but not separated. He wants us to maintain contact without contamination. He wants us to shine as lights, and not get lost in darkness.

**Scriptures:**

**Matthew 5:16** - that we consistently let our lights shine before men so that they see our good works and glorify God in heaven.

**Daniel 1:8** - *But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.*

**Romans 12:2** - *"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."*

**Prayer Point:** This prayer point has to do with the heart and the comportment of the Consecrated. Yes, consecration **begins** with an inward separation unto God, **but** it must translate into an outward life. We pray that we be mindful to allow our concentration to God be reflected in both.

**Scriptures:**

**1 Peter 3:3-4** *Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.*

**Ephesians 4:24** *...and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

**Collosians 4:6** *Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

**Prayer Point:** Pray that as believers, we WILL lead a life of consecration.

**Scriptures:**

**Romans 6:13-14** - *“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer (consecrate) yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness”*

**Prayer Point:** Regardless of how busy or low key our day is expected to be, may we come to the place of gladly saying each morning, “God, I set myself apart for you.” We accept how Christ served us, healed us, delivered, commissioned and empowered and set us apart. May we decree **every** day, “God, I set myself apart for you, today.”

**Scriptures:**

**Matthew 6:33** - *“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

**Prayer Point:** Holy Spirit, remind us that we are set apart, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal to the unrighteous through us.

**Scriptures:**

**1 Corinthian 5:21** - *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

*Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

**Prayer Point:** The call to Consecration cannot be carried out without Obedience. Father, help us to be holy as you and the Son are holy. Father help us to hide your word in our heart so that we may not sin against you.

**Scriptures:**

**Isaiah 1:16-20** - *Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause. “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”*

**Romans 12:1-2** - *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is*

*good and acceptable and perfect.*

**Prayer Point:** Obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading is vital if we are committed to living lives set apart unto the Lord.

**Scriptures:**

**Romans 8:3-4** - *The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.*

**Galatians 5:25** - *Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.*

**Prayer Point:** Pray for those of us who have received salvation through Christ's death, and, love God... and are striving towards submitting to the Lord our decisions, our memories, our hearts, our mouths, and the works of our hands. Pray that we want to be different from the world and that we ourselves to be fully surrendered to the Lord.

**Scriptures:**

**Jeremiah 10:23** - *LORD, I know that people's lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps.*

**James 1:22** - *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

**Prayer Point:** Pray that we all, especially our young people, come into a better understanding of dying to self.

**Scriptures:**

**Galatians 6:10** - *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.*

**Prayer Point:** We pray for help because oftentimes we think we "already know" what is best. Sometimes we feel that we are the answer to issues we encounter. Holy Spirit, help us to remember that we are only vessels, we are God's servants poised to do your will. We pray that even in the midst of unanswered prayers, in the midst of prolonged frustrations and trouble, help us, your servants, to wait upon you Lord.

**Scriptures:**

**Isaiah 55:8-9** - *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

**Romans 6:22** - *But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.*

**Isaiah 40:29-31** - *He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

**James 1:5** - *But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

**Prayer Point:** Living Consecrated because it is the will of God.

**Scriptures:**

**Psalm 25:4-5** - *Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*

**Prayer Point:** Holiness vs Carnality. Who is ruling your life, your flesh or God? Following which one is more beneficial to your life?

**Scriptures:**

**Romans 8:5-6** - Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

**Prayer Point:** Surrendering. The posture of surrender is hands raised, giving up on what you have been doing, making the decision to follow another way. Yes, That is what surrendering looks like and is.

**Scriptures:**

**Matthew 16:24** – *Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”*

**Job 11:13 - 15** - *Surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, and give up your sins—even those you do in secret. Then you won't be ashamed, you will be confident and fearless.*

**Prayer Point:** Battling the Flesh

**Scriptures:**

**Ephesians 6:12** - *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

**Prayer Point:** Pray that we come to understand the difference between Active Obedience vs Passive Obedience.

**Scriptures:**

**Galatians 3:10** - *For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, n“Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”*

**Prayer Point:** Create in us clean hearts. You know, when you have anything against someone and take them to court, calling out their indiscretions, and it comes out that you have indiscretions yourself, they will throw your case out because you came to court with unclean hands. How can you look at and despise the splinter in another's eye and see and remove the plank from yours?

**Scriptures:**

**Psalm 24:3** - *Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob*

**Psalm 51:10-12** - *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast*

*me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit".*

*Ezekiel 36:25-27 - I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

**Prayer Point :**How to Treat One Another Luke - 6:1

**Scriptures:**

**Prayer Point:** Galatians - 5:13

**Scriptures:**

**Prayer Point:** Kindness - Acts 14:17

**Scriptures:**

**Prayer Point:** Compassion Lamentations - 3:22-23

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**Prayer Point:** Fruit of the Spirit Galatians - 5: 22-23

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**Prayer Point:** The Character of Christ Isaiah -11:5

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