

Theme: CONSECRATION & SUBMISSION IN PRACTICE

Memory Verse: *Galatians 5:16* “*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*”

Texts: James 1:22; 2:1-4; Galatians 5:16-26

In the presence of Christ, carnal glory and earthly distinctions disappear. Consecration and submission transcend mere profession. Every member of the church has to show by his actions that he is actually consecrated and yielded to the Lord and to the church. When someone becomes consecrated to the Lord he repudiates all claims to personal liberty, personal opinion and personal preferences. At the time of conversion, one becomes a new born baby no matter what one’s social status, age, experiences and achievements in life were.

As one continues in the Kingdom one needs to manifest a sense of insufficiency and dependence on God as well as be in subjection to church leadership. Truly consecrated and submissive Christians always see to it that they sink their egos, personal opinions and differences, and accept unreservedly and wholeheartedly the leadership and authority of the church. God places a high premium on obedience and submission. Disobedient Christians or incorrigible believers are contradictions in terms.

According to our text, the early believers were entirely consecrated and submitted to the Lord and the church. They were neither rebellious nor possessive. They even submitted their property and wealth for common use. They were loyal members who gave proper regards and cooperation to the leadership of the church. An acid test for consecration and submission is this: If you were to find yourself in the early church, what influence or impact would your personal life and attitude have had on the success of the church? Although we are in the last days and flagrant disobedience and rebellion are the order of the day, believers who are wise will ensure that they pattern their lives according to the word of God.

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