

LESSON 2

14.01.18

Theme: CONSECRATION & SUBMISSION IN THE CHURCH

Memory Verse: *Deut. 30:6 “And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.”*

Texts: Mathew 6:1-9; Acts 4:32-37; Hebrews 13:7

Orderliness, peaceful co-existence and progress are prevalent attributes wherever there is submissiveness. Rancour, pandemonium, confusion and crisis, however, characterise wherever self reigns supreme and everyone sees himself as somehow great. The church of God, the body of Christ, is an assembly of the called-out ones, who have tasted of God’s saving grace, who have come out from sin into the marvellous light of the gospel. *Ekklesia*, the Greek word for church, is used one hundred and fifteen times in the Bible. Generally speaking, it refers to the body of believers, the universal church.

A gathering of the company of believers who meet regularly for Christian fellowship, edification, revival and worship is referred to as a church. For a church to be wholesome, effective and established, the membership has significant parts to play. These parts, depending on how they are played, determine the success or failure of the church. The degree of success achieved by the early church was not without consecration and submission, the two attributes we are considering in this study.

A church, to a large extent, is what the members make it. A church whose members are consecrated and submissive will experience a great degree of growth, success and holiness. It is important that every member of the body of Christ (The Church) must leave a clean and holy life. In so doing the growth and the breakthroughs we are looking for, will become easier because holiness brings the power of God down and allows the Holy Spirit to move and work in our midst.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Psalms 4	Psalms 5
MONDAY	Psalms 6	Psalms 7
TUESDAY	Psalms 8	Psalms 9
WEDNESDAY	Psalms 10	Psalms 11
THURSDAY	Psalms 12	Psalms 13
FRIDAY	Psalms 14	Psalms 15
SATURDAY	Psalms 16	Psalms 17