

Theme: CONSECRATION & SUBMISSION AMONG BELIEVERS

Memory Verse: *Romans 12:10 “Be kindly affection one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;”*

Texts: Ephesians 5:21-24; Romans 12:10-16

The church has a two-fold task of service: to the outside world and to individual member of the church. This cannot be effectively carried out without consecration and submission on the part of the members. It may sound paradoxical, yet it is true, that although all believers are equal before God, there are those He has appointed to exalted positions of specific calling. This presupposes that there must be leadership and followership in the church. To ensure smooth operations among the leaders and followers, therefore, there must be consecration and submission.

The Bible frowns at pride, arrogance, selfishness, unco-operative attitudes and insubordination. There are certain essentials which make a church wholesome, effective and established. More than any other factor, the membership of any church is the greatest factor that determines the success or failure of that church. Much encomiums have been showered on the early church because of the degree of success they experienced. The two essentials we are considering today are the factors which made the early church as well as other Bible churches to achieve great success. These two essentials are consecration and submission.

There is a widespread notion among believers concerning what constitutes the strength and stay of the church. Many believe that it is the pastor or minister that makes the church what it is. This is true to a certain extent. But it is by no means the whole truth. The attitude and contribution of members go a long way in making the church what it is. God expects every member of a Bible Church to be consecrated. Consecration is the act of setting apart anything or person to the worship or service of God. Consecrated persons are those who in spite of position, achievement and wealth have yielded their lives unreservedly to the service and glory of God. When the call to consecration comes to the believer and he responds to God by laying all on the altar of consecration, he becomes a consecrated believer (1 Chronicles 29:5; Psalm 118:27). From thenceforth he becomes committed to God, to the church and to the propagation of the gospel.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Psalms 18	Psalms 19
MONDAY	Psalms 20	Psalms 21
TUESDAY	Psalms 22	Psalms 23
WEDNESDAY	Psalms 24	Psalms 25
THURSDAY	Psalms 26	Psalms 27
FRIDAY	Psalms 28	Psalms 29
SATURDAY	Psalms 30	Psalms 31