

Looking at How to Surrender to God

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As we look at surrendering to God there are many verses that come to mind even three that are memory verses:

Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 5:20, Matthew 6: 33

These even give a direct reference to surrendering in order for them to be active in our life

Understanding surrender to God – it is not a passive act, it is an active act, daily decisions that influences the entirety of our Christian life. This surrender isn't about necessarily admitting defeat but about recognizing and accepting God's absolute sovereignty and love for us. This becomes a transformative process where we allow God to lead us, mold us and use us according to His perfect will. It means or implies trust and belief in God's goodness, faithfulness and His plan for us (Jeremiah 29:11).

It means letting go of plans, worries and control (Isaiah 55:8-9) it's not blind, but built on a relationship through prayer, worship and reading His word. Surrender demands obedience....it's saying yes to God's will!

The world has a different perspective of surrender more as limits freedom, but when in Christ it's the opposite, it gives us more freedom. Freed from the bondage of sin, fear and pressures. It's not just about giving up control, it's stepping into a life filled with purpose, peace and power!

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Luke 14:33: So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Philippians 4:6-9 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these

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things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Genesis 22:1-19 (Abraham), 2 Samuel 12 (David), Luke 1:26-38 (Mary)

Surrendering to God isn't easy for anyone especially after we get set in our ways. It requires a deliberate shift in our mindset, a move towards total dependence on God. We become actively engaged in a relationship with God.

Heartfelt prayer helps align our hearts with God's purpose.

Reading and meditating on scripture is essential and walking out that which we have learned is crucial. The roughest part for us as believers is recognizing and abandoning our need to be in control... letting go and trusting God's plan is the essence of surrender

Isaiah 6: 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.