

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Introduction: The following is a prayer guide for a life of consecration. Let Holy Spirit inspire and lead you as you add other points. Take time to follow the teaching and the prayer guidelines below.

1. WHAT IS CONSECRATION?

Joshua 3:5 "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."

God created man in His image and likeness. As such, God wants to be committed to a consecrated life. After salvation, we need to be consecrated (by offering your body a living sacrifice to the Lord).

PS: Consecration aligns you with God's will and ways and causes you to hear His voice. It strengthens your faith in God and helps you to walk in love with God and fellow mankind. It transforms your heart and helps you live in forgiveness, holiness and righteousness. Ultimately it attracts you to God and makes you an object of God's amazing acts.

A) Definition:

a) Consecration is the separation of oneself unto the service of the Lord (Lev 27:14; Num. 7:1; Exodus 29:24.) It is to set apart or dedicate to the service of the Lord.

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- Prayer is power in the mouth of the righteous. Prayer is a product of a spiritual relationship between a righteous man and God. It is a way of securing unity of purpose with God. It is an act of a man who has turned his back at Satan and sin in order to become one with God in spirit, thought, feeling and purpose.
- Make sure you are a child of God before you go to Him in prayer. My son could stop me and take anything from me at any time; so long our relationship is good and intact.
- Prayer is an avenue to communicate with the everlasting, omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscience God, who is everywhere, knows everything and is able to do all things.

b) Consecration implies separation of self from things unclean (Joshua 3:5)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14

- With the knowledge of God's sovereignty and the need to balance it with man taking responsibility to exercise his authority in the Lord, we can also understand prayer as a partnership medium between God in heaven and man on earth to achieve God's purpose.
- Prayer is not begging God to do our will but rather using our will to pursue His will. Prayer is a means of submitting ourselves to seek the will of the Lord on earth. It is not the religious exercise of using and manipulating God to satisfy our needs! **Matt. 6:31-33**
- Prayer is meant to be fun when you understand the principles behind it. God is more anxious to see His will come to pass in your life and in this world than you are! **1 John 5:14-15**

c) Consecration also means to dedicate something to a higher purpose

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matt 6:33

To seek foremost the kingdom of God and a right relationship with God is a commandment.

It is an instruction not a suggestion. We are to seek first His kingdom not our personal kingdom.

We are to seek His purpose first with our lives. Many believers seek their career, family or even money first. That is not normal for a consecrated believer who is separated unto the Lord. Until Christians learn to consecrate their lives to God and His purpose, our Churches will continue to be empty during prayer or praise and worship time. Only those who treasure Gods presence can dedicate themselves to His purpose.

d) Consecration connotes sanctification, holiness, or purity

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Jer. 29:11-12

Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. 2 Corinthians 6:17

I. The Bible teaches believers to be a holy people, separate from the world (1 Pet.1:6.)

- II. Prayer is a means for a consecrated man to take back the word of God to Him for confirmation knowing that God has magnified His word above His name (Ps.138:2).
- III. A righteous man has everything to profit from the art of prayer (James 5:16.)

B) Five reasons why we should consecrate ourselves to the Lord

a) To enjoy the riches of God's salvation

God's salvation is full of riches. It includes being saved from eternal perdition and enjoying eternal life in Him forever more. When we were saved, God blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Jesus life, death, resurrection and ascension are all for our own victorious existence (Eph.1:22.)

But without consecration, we cannot access all these blessings. In this respect, consecration is like a gateway to all Gods provision for us.

Salvation is just the beginning of our Christian journey. It is meant to lead us into the corridor of consecration where we learn to empty ourselves of our sinful selves and fill ourselves with the fullness of the Lord.

b) So we can walk in the Lord's way

Whether or not we give ourselves to the Lord makes a big difference in our experience of Christ.

If we don't give ourselves to Him, how can we know what His way is? How can He lead us? Consecrating ourselves to Him keeps us in His way and saves us from taking our own way. We can pray, "Lord, I don't want to make my own decisions or take my own way. I want to be kept in Your way. So Lord Jesus, I give myself to You."

c) So we can grow in life

With any physical life, after birth comes growth. Our surrendering ourselves to Him provides the best opportunity for His life to grow in us. As we surrender every part of our being and every aspect of our lives to Him, we give His life the best opportunity to grow in us.

When we keep ourselves in our own hands without consecrating ourselves to the Lord, we may never grow in spirit and may continue only to live in flesh so that our life remains unchanging and unfruitful even as a believer.

d) So God can work in us

Before we can go and work for God, God needs to work in us.

Until we empty ourselves of our self and allow God to fill us, we cannot be really prepared for his purpose (2 Tim 2:20-21.) Even though we're saved, we all have to admit that God still has much work to do in us to conform our thoughts, feelings, decisions, and inner disposition—our whole being—to the image of His Son.

God is surely omnipotent, but He needs our consent in order to work freely in us.

Our consecration is our consent. This explains how a person can be genuinely saved for years and yet do no grow mature spiritually, and little real change in their being.

e) So that God can work through us (2 Tim.2:20)

Our lack of consecrating ourselves to the Lord hinders the life within from growing and manifesting. But when we surrender ourselves to the Lord, we provide the best opportunity for His life to grow and develop in us. Until God works in us and form Himself in us, He cannot fully work through us.

- a. Evangelism
- b. Preaching
- c. Prayer
- d. Praise etc.

2. THE PURPOSE OF CONSECRATION

*Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." 6 And Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people. **Joshua 3:5-6***

a) Preparation tool

*But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work--> Not perfection but crave, thirst for perfection. **2 Tim 2:20-21***

Consecration prepares you to be a vessel in the hand of God.

Regardless of how gifted and called you are, you need to be broken and be emptied of yourself so that God can fill you with His own power and presence. You need God righteousness and not your self-righteousness.

By personal might and strength can no man prevail. You cannot serve God by your flesh. You can only serve God in faith when you are in the spirit and consecration helps you to grow spiritually so you can connect with God.

b) Revelation tool

*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. **Jer. 33:3***

*I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. **Hab. 2:1-2***

c) Empowerment tool

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **James 4:7***

*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. **Acts 4:31***

Jesus always returned from prayer a powerful man (Luke 4:13-37; Luke 5:12-17).

Jesus Christ, though the second person of the Trinity, while on the earth, needed to pray both in the wilderness and at garden of Gethsemane to prevail over His temptation. It took power of prayer to strengthen Him so that the flesh and evil power could not overcome Him.

Consecration empowers to prevail over temptation and trials from the opposition

d) Enforcement tool (to possess your promise)

*Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts. **Isaiah 45:11-13***

Consecrated life affords a person the ability to exercise spiritual authority on earth.

God's power is made available to do God's work on earth. As we become God's vessels committed to doing God's work, God's provision is made available to pursue our godly visions. His power is made available to those who have placed themselves in Him and who now live for His purpose.

After forty years in the wilderness, the children of Israel were commanded to consecrate themselves in order to cross over the Jordan River into the Promised Land (Jos.3:5.)

e) Victory tool

*For this is what the LORD Almighty says: "After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you--for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye--9 I will raise my fist to crush them. **Zech. 2:8-9***

*When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people; 14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes; 15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. **Psalms 105:13-15***

Consecrated lifestyle, finally, makes you untouchable, unconquerable and undefeatable for the enemy. Whoever touches you has to face the wrath of God. When God is for you, no one can be against you (Rom.8:31). All your adversaries would be defeated at the end of the day. Rejoice!

3. THE STEPS TO CONSECRATION

a) REPENTANCE FROM SIN

*If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[a] sin. 1 **John 1:6-7***

Repentance is one of the first acts you should undertake when you make the decision to consecrate yourself to God. Pray for forgiveness and ask God to help you fight against temptation in the future. To repent from sin implies to separate self, unto God. This means to move away from all manifestation of evil by prioritizing the spiritual life over the physical one.

Only a person who commits to consecrate will be consecrated by the Holy Spirit unto God.

b) INTIMACY WITH GOD

*One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. **Psalm 27.4 (NIV)***

This is about dedicating your heart to God.

Consciously dedicate your soul, mind, heart, and body to God.

- Desire to have intimate relationship with God. Jer.29:13; Deut. 4:29; Deut. 6:5
- Live in delighted obedience to Him. Isa. 1:19; John 14.15; John 14:23
- Walk daily with the Lord. Gen. 3:8; Gen.5:24; Psalm 23; Micah 6:8; Rom 13:13; 1 John 2:6
- Work for the Lord. Mal.3:14-18; Ex. 23:15; Matt.6:10; Eph.2:10

Bible encourages us to seek God intimately and passionately (Luke 10:27)

A man seeking intimacy with the Lord separates self from anything that can disconnect him from the presence of God (Gal.5:16; John 8:12)

c) COVENANT LIFESTYLE

*But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. **Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)***

Bible teaches us to daily submit to God daily by cultivating covenant lifestyle.

You can consecrate your time, finances and talents in your stewardship to the Lord.

Tithing, for instance, makes God, rather than your salary, your source.

When you honour God with your tithe, you commit Him to fulfil His promise of abundant supply upon your life (Malachi 3). If God owns our lives then He owns everything in our possession, including our hard-earned money.

All our gifts, talents and possessions belong to God; therefore we must glorify Him with everything.

We are stewards of all we have been given, and faithfulness is required in stewardship.

Only a righteous living lived in dedication to God's instruction converts God's promises to covenant.

d) FAITH LIFESTYLE

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Hebrews 11:6***

Life is generally a Journey of "faith & faithfulness" from God's Promise to the Promised Land.

Intimacy with God is a product of living a lifestyle of faith. Without faith, no man can please the Lord.

Faith lifestyle that consecrates a believer strongly includes:

I. FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **Romans 8:14***

Whatever we do, we must remember that the Holy Spirit lives in us; we need to stay in fellowship with Him always.

II. BIBLE STUDY

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." [\(Acts 20:32\)](#)

Man shall not live by physical bread alone but also shall spiritually feed from every word of God.

It takes the study of the Bible to show oneself approved unto the Lord (2 Tim.2:15.)

When Satan tempted Jesus in Matthew 4, Jesus used the Word of God to overcome temptation. "But He answered and said, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4).

God's Word can also fill us with explosive light of revelation. It also has the power to transform our mind, convict, and bring to light the darkness that is within our hearts (Heb.4:12; 2 Tim.3:16.)

III. PRAYER

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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. Isa. 40:31

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Prayer is an avenue to communicate with the everlasting, omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscience God, who is everywhere, knows everything and is able to do all things.

A major purpose of prayer is to consecrate a man. Prayer changes things; transform lives and affect circumstances. Prayer changes your outlook on God, yourself and your prayer life. Jesus returned from the wilderness with a transformed appearance (**Matt. 17:1-21.**)

- a) **Commit to spiritual discipline as a lifestyle.** Draw closer to God through daily fasting and prayer and meditation of the word of God. Permit the meditation of the Word of God and intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit to transform you. Consecration however is a lifestyle not just a short exercise. Be prepared to continue pursuing God for the rest of your life.

IV. THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him." John 4:23

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Ps. 100:4

Every prevailing prayer begins with the acknowledgement, recognition and appreciation of God. Only His presence guarantees victory (Ps. 67:5-7). Thank Him for what He can do. He is able. Praise Him for whom He is. He is holy. The scripture teaches that God inhabits the praises of His people. While the enemy cannot stand a praise atmosphere, God cannot resist it. Praise is a Powerful means of consecrating ourselves and dwelling in the presence of God.

- a) Think about the greatness of God and give Him praise.
- The scripture teaches that God inhabits the praises of His people. While the enemy cannot stand a praise atmosphere, God cannot resist it. Many prayers are not answered because it is not completed with thanksgiving (col.4:2). Many believers still need to learn to approach God as God not as their personal servant who is used to satisfy their needs.
 - Go to nature and watch God's creation and creatures (animals, mountains, seas etc.) Think about the mightiness and awesomeness of God and praise Him. All other things and condition will trivial out!
- b) Think about all the provisions God has given to you and thank Him for them.
- Lifestyles of Jesus Christ and other great men in the Bible are that of thanksgiving.

4. PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you. Lev. 8:33

- This is a prayer to commit and put you in the hand and service of the Lord.
- It is a prayer to fight carnal will of man and sacrifice our flesh for the will of the Lord.
- Jesus Christ prayed this prayer before He went to face the cross when He subjected His will completely under the will of God. He was in doing so sacrificing His will to satisfy His heavenly Father.

PERSONAL CONSECRATION

- (1) Father Lord, not my will but let your will be done in my life (Luke 22:42).
- (2) Search the offensive things hidden in my heart and lead me deeper in the way of your Kingdom (Psalm 139:23-24).
- (3) As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord (Josh 24:15).
- (4) Woe to me if I live not for your will (1 Cor. 9:16-23).
- (5) Father, I lay my life on the altar of sacrifice. Purify me as gold, purge me and cleanse me from all filthiness for your holy use in Jesus' name.
- (6) In Jesus' name, I consecrate my heart, thoughts, actions and lifestyle unto God every day of my life. I offer my body as living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to you (Romans 12:1-2).
- (7) O God, sanctify my spirit, soul and body to fulfil your purposes for my creation
- (8) O Lord, help me to daily walk in love and produce works that will glorify your name (James 2:18).
- (9) Empower me heavenly Father, to take pleasure and delight in abiding in your presence and worshipping you all the days of my life (Psalm 27:4).

- (10) Father, I thirst for fresh outpouring of the unction and gifts of the Holy Spirit in my life for the edification of your church (Joel 2:28-29, Matt 3:11, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 8:15-18).
- (11) I consecrate my life to be conformed to the glorious image of Jesus every day (Romans 12:1-2).
- (12) Holy Spirit, help me to focus on heavenly things and not on worldly and lustful pursuits of this world (Eccl 2:11, Eccl 4:4, Eccl 5:10, Psalm 39:6, Psalm 119:37).

CONSECRATION TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

- (1) Heavenly Father, enlighten the eyes of my understanding to know you more (Ephesians 1:17-23)
- (2) Father Lord, cause me to walk and work in the power of your unfailing love (1 Corinthians 13: 1-8)
- (3) Cause me to labour earnestly in your vineyard for your glory (Philip 1:21).
- (4) Use me as a labourer in your vineyard Lord (1 Cor. 3:9).
- (5) Use me as your war harmer against the kingdom of darkness (Jeremiah 51:20).
- (6) Use me as container of light in the midst of world darkness (Matt 5:13-16).
- (7) Father, cause the zeal and passion for your kingdom to consume me (Psalm 69:9; Acts 9:6).
- (8) Save our land O Lord (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- Give me this land => John Knox prayed: "Lord, Give me Scotland or I die" ..
 - The brethren from England who brought the Fire from Azusa Street revival gathered everyday to pray "Lord, give us men that will spread Your Fire in the streets of England"
 - During the Indonesia Revival, those hungry hearts were seen praying day and night: " Lord, The harvest is ripe If it pleases You, please use us."
 - One prayer that was common during the days of William Seymour was: "Lord, this is another day that hell must lose men and women. Please, we are here. Use us"
- (9) Roll of the blindfolding ministry of the enemy in the lives of lost souls in Switzerland (John 12:40; 2 Cor.4:4).
- (10) Cause us as your Church Lord to be filled with people like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose (Philippians 2:2-3).
- (11) Grant us Lord a burning revelation of your love so we may be passionate in daily living for the passion of Jesus Christ (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:14-15).
- (12) Let my love for you O God, your Word and the brethren increase daily (Hebrews 13:1-6).