

## Sanctification and Surrendering Relationships

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- *There must be a healthy balance of both justification and sanctification working in your heart and life.*
- *Justification has already forgiven the sin that sanctification is exposing by chastening.*

### THERE IS NO SANCTIFICATION WITHOUT ABSOLUTE AND COMPLETE SURRENDER.

#### Romans 12:1 ESV

1 **I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present** (*paristēmi* - to place a person or thing at one's disposal, proffer, provide) **your bodies as a living** (*zao* - to live, breathe, be among the living) **sacrifice** (*thysia* - the victim placed on the altar), **holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual** (*logikos* - logical, reasonable, spiritual) **worship.**

*"We have seen that the beginning of all sanctification is separation to God, as His entire possession, to be at His disposal...Because He desires to have us entirely for Himself, He has chosen and bought us, and set upon us the distinguishing mark of the blood, as those who are separated from all around them, to live only for His service."*  
--Andrew Murray, The Power of the Blood of Jesus, Chapter 5

*"The experiences of men who walked with God in olden times agree to teach that the Lord cannot fully bless the a man until He has first conquered him. The degree of blessing enjoyed by any man will correspond exactly with the completeness of God's victory over him."*

— A.W. Tozer, The Divine Conquest

#### Matthew 16:24-25 ESV

24 **Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny** (*aparneomai* - to disown, abstain, forget oneself, lose sight of oneself) **himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

25 **For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

*"They know Christ. They trust Him. They love Him. But He is not Master. He is a sort of helper. When there is trouble, they come to Him. When they sin, they ask Him for pardon in His precious blood. When they are in darkness, they cry to Him. But often and often they live according to their own will and they seek help from themselves. But how blessed is the man who comes and, like Potiphar, says, 'I will give up everything to Jesus.' There are many who have accepted Christ as their Lord but have never yet come to the final absolute surrender of everything."* --Andrew Murray, The Complete Surrender, The Master's Indwelling, Chapter 8

## SIGNS OF SURRENDER

### Relationships

- *In Biblical Christianity, it was understood that abandoning the former, sinful lifestyle necessitated and included separating from carnal relationships which could distract and entice back to sin.*
- *In Biblical Christianity, it was understood that becoming a Christian necessitated and included forging new relationships and friendships of encouragement, intimacy and accountability.*

- Relationships can be a huge conduit of corruption and negative influence, not only with unbelievers but with carnal Christians as well.
- In the name of being politically correct and all inclusive, have we been seduced into embracing what God hates?
- Though Jesus ate and drank with the sinners, He never became their companion.

**Proverbs 13:20 ESV**

20 **Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.**

**2 Corinthians 6:14-18 ESV**

14 **Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?**

15 **What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?**

16 **What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

17 **Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,**

18 **and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."**

**Psalms 1:1-2 ESV**

1 **Blessed is the man who WALKS not in the counsel of the wicked, nor STANDS in the way of sinners, nor SITS in the seat of scoffers;**

2 **but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

**1 Kings 11:1-4 ESV**

1 **Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,**

2 **from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." **Solomon clung to these in love.****

3 **He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart.**

4 **For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.**

**1 Corinthians 15:33 ESV**

33 **Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."**

**Judges 16:15-20 ESV**

15 **And she [Delilah] said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and you have not told me where your great strength lies."**

16 **And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death.**

17 **And he told her all his heart, and said to her, "A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man."**

18 **When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up again, for he has told me all his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands.**

19 She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him.

20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

Luke 14:25-28 ESV

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,

26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

2 Timothy 2:16-18 ESV

16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,

17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

18 who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.

2 Timothy 2:20-22 ESV

20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable.

21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 ESV

1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Philippians 1:9-11 ESV

9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,

10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Hebrews 3:12-14 ESV

12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

**2 Timothy 4:9-16** ESV

9 **Do your best to come to me soon.**

10 For Demas, **in love with this present world, has deserted me** and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

12 Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

14 **Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm;** the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

15 Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.

16 **At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me.** May it not be charged against them!

**Acts 20:17** ESV

17 Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

**Acts 20:28-31** ESV

28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

29 I know that after my departure **fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;**

30 **and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.**

31 Therefore be alert, remembering that **for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.**

*"Luther made singing a central part of Protestant worship. In his German Mass (1526), he dispensed with the choir and assigned all singing to the congregation. He often call congregational rehearsals during the week so people could learn new hymns.*

*Luther and his fellow reformers also took religious education seriously - here are some sermon subjects for a sample week:*

*Sunday, 5 am - Pauline Epistles*

*Sunday, 9 am - Gospels*

*Sunday afternoon - Catechism*

*Monday and Tuesday - Catechism*

*Wednesday - Gospel of Matthew*

*Thursday and Friday - Epistles*

*Saturday - Gospel of John*

*Though preaching was shared during the week, Luther often spoke at all the Sunday services. He became frustrated with his congregation: despite his admonitions and instruction, he felt his people remained godless. 'It annoys me to keep preaching to you,' he said, and in 1530 he actually went on strike and refused to preach for a time." --Christian History, Issue 115*