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MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY VASE

"YOU ARE MORE THAN A PRETTY VASE"

God does not fix our cracks to:

- Sit on a shelf and look pretty
- Or to feel good about ourselves
- Or to be comfortable with ourselves
- Or to be valuable to the world

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**“GOD FIXES OUR CRACKS AND MAKES US
WHOLE TO BE USED FOR HIS PURPOSES”**

SOME OF
PAUL'S
FINAL
WORDS TO
TIMOTHY

2 Timothy 2;15-23

14 Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,

SOME OF
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TIMOTHY

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. 19 But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

SOME OF
PAUL'S
FINAL
WORDS TO
TIMOTHY

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

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TIMOTHY

22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil.

**“BEFORE YOU STEP INTO WHATEVER
PLAN GOD HAS FOR YOUR LIFE, THERE
WILL ALWAYS BE TWO THINGS THAT
PRECEDE THAT”.**

“A CRUSHING AND CONSECRATION”

JESUS CONSECRATED
HIMSELF FOR US
AND GOD'S PLAN
TO REDEEM MANKIND

John 17:18-19

18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

PAUL CONSECRATED
HIS ENTIRE LIFE
FOR THE SAKE OF
SPREADING THE
GOSPEL TO ALL.

2 Timothy 4:6 (ESV)

"I am already being poured out as a drink offering."

2 Timothy 4:6 (Message)

I've already made the sacrifice and I'm now in the last act of my sacrificial self-giving.

PETER CAME BACK
FULLY CONSECRATED
AFTER HIS OWN
FAILURE AND
RESTORATION

Acts 4:18-20

18 So they (the Jewish leadership) called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

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**CRUSHING + CONSECRATION =
STEPPING INTO GOD'S CALLING FOR YOU**

WHAT IS "CONSECRATION" (BIBLE DICTIONARY)

- to dedicate to the service of and loyalty to a deity, (mostly to the God of Christianity)
- to consecrate, consecration, to dedicate to God".
- It is a manner of which your life is lived out for the concerns of God

WHAT IS "CONSECRATION" (CLAYMAN'S DEFINITION)

"Like the fancy china only set aside for company to use, we are set aside for God".
(Jerry Godsey)

"To be separated to a higher purpose"
(Darin Gleghorn)

WHAT IS "CONSECRATION" (CLAYMAN'S DEFINITION)

"A lifestyle of constantly taking everything you know about yourself and intentionally committing it to everything you know about God." (Jeff Lyle)

"Deny me so there's more room for Him" (Bob Hiner)

WHAT IS "CONSECRATION" (CLAYMAN'S DEFINITION)

"Consecration is more than just recognizing God's ownership on our lives. It is a conscious decision to devote ourselves wholly to Him. (Jeremiah Vik)

WHAT IS "CONSECRATION" (CLAYMAN'S DEFINITION)

"Through your own personal interaction with God, laying aside things that He directs that could otherwise occupy your heart, mind, and energies, for the sake of moving forward God's Kingdom here on earth". (Vince Brooke)

WHAT "CONSECRATION" IS NOT

Consecration is not doing religious activities and observances that tend to lead one to believe that there are things that we do to earn or keep our salvation

WHAT DOES CONSECRATION LOOK LIKE

1. Consecration is a conscious, willing decision to dedicate your soul, mind, heart, and body to God
 - It is a response to God working in your life only you can make.
 - This decision must be one of your will, intelligence, and affection.

OVER 1000 TIMES IN THE OLD AND
NEW TESTAMENT GOD TELLS HIS PEOPLE
TO CONSECRATE THEMSELVES, BE HOLY,
SET THEMSELVES APART FOR
HIS PURPOSES, AND BE OBEDIENT

WHAT DOES CONSECRATION LOOK LIKE

2. Consecration always comes with conviction, repentance, and an honest confession that we can not live up to God's standards or carry out what he is asking us to do in our own strength.
 - Consecration involves getting really low and humbling ourselves before God.

PAUL'S &
EVERY
CHRISTIAN'S
HONEST
CONFESSION

Romans 7:18 and 23-24 ESV

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out...

23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my

members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

**JAMES'
FRAMEWORK
TO TRUE
CONSECRATION**

James 4:7-10

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

WHAT DOES CONSECRATION LOOK LIKE

3. Reflect on your motives.

- Consecration is something that must be done between you and God.
- Not from any external pressures from others or out of something we desire to have out of it ministry wise by stepping into it.

OUR APPROACH
TOWARDS
CONSECRATION
MUST BE PURE

Psalms 24 3-6

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

WHAT DOES CONSECRATION LOOK LIKE

4. Consecration always involves a separation, or laying aside, or losing things of this world for more eternal purposes.
 - It will mean prioritizing the spiritual life over the physical one.
 - It will never be easy or comfortable because your flesh will always war against your spirit to remain connected to this world.

THE CHRISTIANS
EXPECTATION WHEN
ENTERING INTO A
CONSECRATED LIFE

Numbers 6:17-18

The priest shall offer also its grain offering and its drink offering. 18 And the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offering

WHAT DOES CONSECRATION LOOK LIKE

5. Draw closer to God

- Just as the flesh hungers for the ways of the world, the God spirit inside us thirsts for the ways of God and with the Holy Spirit's help we can learn to live in that connection with God all the time.
- It is the truest form of satisfaction and fulfilment that we can ever achieve.

EVERY
CHRISTIAN'S
HAPPY
PLACE

Romans 7:22-25 ESV

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

WHAT DOES CONSECRATION LOOK LIKE

5. Draw closer to God cont.

- The spirit of God in you always wants to connect to God the Father and He promises that we can do that if we seek him with everything we have.

EVERY
CHRISTIAN'S
PURSUIT
"GOD ALONE"

James 4:8a

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

WHAT DOES CONSECRATION LOOK LIKE

6. Stay committed.

- Consecration is not a single, one-time-only decision. It is a process with God and a way of living.
- Realize there is something for you on the backside of your obedience and consecration

EVERY
CHRISTIANS
GOAL SHOULD
BE TO
FINISH WELL

James 1:12

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

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CHRISTIANS
GOAL SHOULD
BE TO
FINISH WELL

Colossians 1:21-23

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard,

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