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THE DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION. Pt 2

My Body For Thee
Romans 12:1

The Command. Rom 12:1

1. *Present* (*παριστῆμι*):
 - ◆ This verb is punctiliar. It is a *definitive* offering.
 - ◆ This verb is used in a religious sense (Lk 2:22) & in a military sense (Mt 26:53)
2. Are you presented as one alive from the dead? Who gives the final orders in your life?

Its Nature. Rom 12:1

1. Present your *body*.
 - ◆ It is a total consecration. All of you.
 - ◆ It is in the arena where the spiritual battle rages.
 - ◆ Rom 6:13; I Cor 7:34.
2. Present your body as a *living sacrifice*
 - ◆ The OT sacrifices were dead -- This one is *alive*. We *live* for Him:
Gal 2:20; I Cor 6:19-20; I Pet 1:18,19
 - ◆ You were once spiritually dead -- Now you're spiritually *alive* so you might live for Him
Rom 6:1-14
 - ◆ You become a *sacrifice*. The key to your Christian life is this: *By dying you live*
Lk 9:23-24; Phil 3:10; Col 3:3-5; Jn 12:24; Mt 5:3-10
3. Present your body as a *holy sacrifice*
 - ◆ He has saved you to be *holy*. I Pet 1:15-16; Jn 15:16.
 - ◆ Holiness J.C. Ryle
 - ◆ The Pursuit of Holiness Jerry Bridges
 - ◆ Transforming Grace Jerry Bridges
 - ◆ Rediscovering Holiness J.I. Packer
 - ◆ Disciplines of a Godly Man Kent Hughes.

God's Evaluation Of The Consecrated Life. Rom 12:1.

1. It is *pleasing* to God. Just like a parent who's child trusts in him.
2. It is *worship*. (*λατρεία*. I.E. liturgy)
 - ◆ It is an act of a priest.
 - ◆ This is our worship (Ps 51:16-17; 40:6-8; I Sam 15:22; Isa 1:11-16; Mic. 6:6-8).
3. It is *reasonable*. A Logical (*λογικοσ*) response
 - ◆ Reasonable because it is what God is actually after -- YOU! Gen 32
 - ◆ Reasonable because it is insane not to give your body to Him
 - ◆ Reasonable because of what God has done, doing, & will do in you. Rom 1-11.

A Definition of Consecration.

1. A life totally given over to God: His Word, His ways, His laws, His purposes, His kingdom
2. In effect, in every thing, at every time, in every way:
 - ◆ My *ambition* is for His glory -- not my own glory
 - ◆ My *faith* is in Him -- not in anything else
 - ◆ My *love* is for Him & His people -- not for myself or foolish idols
 - ◆ My *faithfulness* (or obedience) is to God -- not in self-willed living
 - ◆ My *service* is for others -- not in self-serving pursuits