

CONSECRATING TO THE LORD
1 CHRONICLES 29:1-5

Introduction:

1. As King David was nearing the end of his life he addresses the constituents of his kingdom.
2. The nearer a Christian approaches his end, the more spiritually minded he should become.
3. The more spiritually minded he becomes, the greater his influence upon others.
4. The greater influence a Christian has upon others, the more certainly will God's work be accomplished.
5. King David has shared with the people the wealth he has given to see the Temple built.
vv. 3-5a *Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver: three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen.*
6. He then challenges the people to respond in like manner by asking the question, *Who then, is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?*
7. The word "consecrate" means "to provide oneself with something which one brings to the Lord." It means to make a commitment. So what have you brought to the Lord this morning?

I. HAVE YOU CONSECRATED YOUR SOUL TO THE LORD? **2 Timothy 1:12** *For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.*

- A. To consecrate your soul to the Lord means to receive Jesus as your Savior.
- B. The Bible calls this being saved, born-again, redeemed.
- C. Those who have never consecrated their soul to Jesus will suffer the consequences of that decision. **Luke 9:25** *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?*
- D. When one consecrates his soul to Jesus in salvation, he enters into a new and exciting life.

II. HAVE YOU CONSECRATED YOUR WAY TO THE LORD? **Psalm 37:5** *Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.*

- A. Your way is your manner of living. It is the life you now live. Has it been consecrated to God, or are you still trying to live your own way?
- B. When you decide to consecrate your live to Jesus you find hope and confidence to deal with all the hardships and sorrows that will surely come your way.
- C. To remain unconsecrated in your life after you have been saved is a surefire way to bring inward sorrow. **Luke 16:10-13** *He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."*
- D. Are you living a lie or a life?

III. HAVE YOU CONSECRATED YOUR FAMILY TO THE LORD? **Acts 16:30-34** *And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.*

- A. How selfish we are when we only view ourselves in relationship to God. When husbands and fathers refuse to bring their wives and children to Sunday School and Worship, they are causing their families to suffer spiritually.
- B. When the family suffers spiritually there will be trouble and chaos. Wives and children are given mixed signals. Dad says he loves the Lord, yet his lack of attendance and service shows differently.
- C. Is it any wonder why some children grow up and never make any spiritual commitment themselves? Some will die lost, and if that be the case, blame can be rightly laid upon a lack of commitment by the father. **2 Kings 17:41** *So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children's children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day.*

IV. HAVE YOU CONSECRATED YOUR WORKS TO THE LORD? **Ephesians 2:10** *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

- A. In order for soul winners to win souls they need to be consecrated to the task of getting out into the community. In order for singers and musicians to honor the Lord, they need to be consecrated to the hours of practice. In order for teachers in the church to bring clear, precise lessons, they need to be consecrated to a time of study and preparation.
- B. But it all boils down to what is important to you. It seems as though we never have enough time or money to keep our church commitments, but we always have enough time and money to keep our recreational commitments.
- C. Some of you will leave here today still uncommitted to the Lord. You have much talent, but it is being wasted because it is not being used in the Lord's work.
- D. So the question I leave with you this morning is "Who then, is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?"
- E. Are you? Are you willing to make a total commitment to the Lord? **Romans 12:1-2** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*