

The Prayer of Consecration – Preparing for the GLORY!

The prayer of consecration is simply an **invitation for God to change, rearrange, and purify us**. When God prepares us for His use, He often starts by cleansing us of the things that do not honor Him, such as improper thought patterns, bad attitudes or habits.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)” ...¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s”.

The five major ways to consecrate yourself to the Lord

1. **Surrender yourself to God.** Surrendering to God means changing your habits and practices so that your spiritual life is a regular and healthy part of your everyday life. When you know what you want in your spiritual life, you can begin establishing habits, practices and activities that cultivate your spiritual life. [Romans 6:13](#) says that God demands that we surrender the totality of our selves; He wants the whole, not a part: “Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.” Jesus said that His followers must deny themselves... [Mark 8:34](#).
2. **Consecrate and dedicate yourself to God.** In order for us to consecrate ourselves fully God, we need to recognize where we have adopted the idols of our surrounding culture or society and remove them from our lives. Acknowledge the distractions that keep you from loving God and putting Him first in your life. Third, we need to repent of sinful attitudes and actions. The Bible says in Joshua 3:5 (NIV); “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.”
3. **Spend Quality Time in God’s Presence.** God reveals Himself to those that earnestly seek Him (Deuteronomy 4:29). If we want to walk in the presence of the Lord, then we need to be practicing the presence of God. One of the major ways we can do this is through worship. By placing ourselves before Him in a place of adoration, we make room for Him, and through focusing our attention on Him increases our awareness of His Presence in our lives. Learning how to soak in God’s presence through worship is one of the most valuable things we can do with our time. God has promised that as we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. (James 4:8). So, worship is one way to abide in the presence of God. Another way to abide in the presence of God is to practice abiding in His Word. Jesus said, “if you abide in Me and My Words abide in you, you will ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you.” (John 15:7). This is because when we abide in Him, we know His will and we will ask according to the Father’s will. Abiding in the word of God will always bring an increase in the sense of His manifest presence.
4. **Secure A Time & A Place To Pray.** Jesus Christ often went to solitary places to pray (see Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12). Maybe leaving the house to

find solitude isn't realistic, but we can all find ways to shut out the noise and put ourselves in a position to hear God.

5. **Have A Heart Of Expectation. Expectancy** opens your **heart** and better enables you to hear and receive from the Lord those things your **heart** so desires. What the world seems to offer us most times leaves us unfilled and longing for more. What the Lord offers us leaves us filled every single time and pushes us to keep going back for more and more. It's kind of like food. Proverbs 23:17-19 (AMP), declares; Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord all day long. For surely there is a latter end [a future and a reward], and your hope and expectation shall not be cut off.

You are the temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple. 2 Corinthians 6:16-17 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." 17 Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the LORD. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

1 Corinthians 6:19 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

You are bought with a price

1 Corinthians 7:23 23; "You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 declares; "18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies".

Acts 20:28 says, "28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood".