

SESSION SIX: PRACTICUM (Q&A)

3 IMPORTANT PREPARATORY STEPS

- Ask the Lord to awaken you - Isaiah 50:4,5
- Start with praise - Psalm 22:3
- Ask for judgment - Ps. 139:23,24

Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can *choose* to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure.

By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith. **STEPS TO CHRIST, p.47,48**

SURRENDER PRAYER OUTLINE

WILL - Philippians.2:12,13

MIND - II Corinthians 10:4,5

BODY – Romans 12:1,2

Appetites & passions -- I Corinthians 10:31

MY PLANS - Proverbs 3:5,6

- Time - Ephesians 5:15-17
- Talent - Ephesians 4:11-13
- Treasure - Matthew 6:19-21

THE SURRENDER FORMULA

MY PROBLEM IS ALWAYS - SELF

MY SOLUTION IS ALWAYS - JESUS

MY PART IS ALWAYS - SURRENDER

Each morning consecrate yourselves and your children to God for that day. Make no calculation for months or years; these are not yours. One brief day is given you. As if it were your last on earth, work during its hours for the Master. Lay **all** your plans before God, to be carried out or **given up**, as His **providence** shall indicate. Accept His plans instead of your own, even though their acceptance requires the abandonment of **cherished projects**. Thus the life will be molded more and more after the divine example; and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7. {CCh 152.6}

When the soul **surrenders** itself to Christ, a **new power** takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a **supernatural work**, bringing a **supernatural element** into human nature... But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, **we shall be dominated by the wicked one**. We must inevitably be under the control of the one or the other of the two great powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world. **It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light... The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness.** Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the **surrender** of ourselves to Him moment by moment, **we shall be overcome**. {DA 324.1} (Emphasis supplied).