



Design: Surrenders to Jesus by putting His Kingdom before his own personal ambitions

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Spiritual	Experiential	Relational	Instructional
1 Meditate on Matthew 6:33-34; 16:26; Philippians 3:3, 7-8, 19-21. Memorize one or two of these verses.	Actively pursue responsibility and participation in ministries available to you without regard to ambition or prestige.	Get together regularly with a friend or two to encourage each other regarding your struggles and successes in surrendering to Christ.	Study and memorize these Scripture passages: Matthew 6:33-34; 16:26; Philippians 3:3, 7-8, 19-21.
2 Meditate on Colossians 1:15-20 and reflect on Christ's supremacy.	Make a list of the areas in your life that you should joyfully surrender to Jesus. Accept the challenge to give these up to Him.	Ask a spiritual mother or father to hold you accountable. Report to them on a regular basis about how you are doing.	Study how Jesus did ministry (cf. John 5:19, 30; 7:14-16; 8:26-28). Write out your insights and include ideas about how to follow His example.
3 Meditate on passages about how Jesus surrendered to the will of His Father.	Ask God each morning to show you one thing you can do that day to further advance His Kingdom and do it.	Ask an intercessor to pray with you over areas of personal ambition that need to be surrendered. Regularly update them about prayer needs and progress.	Study the contrast between the kingship of Saul and the kingship of David to learn about the difference between your own ambition and the purposes of God.
4 Search for Scriptures about obedience and surrender. Memorize several and pray them for yourself.	Consider the direction of your life right now. Is this what you would want to look back on with satisfaction at the end of your life on earth? If not, identify and map out a plan for change.	Seek to imitate the "surrendered life" you see in mature spiritual believers. For example: talk with those who continue to put God first, even when it is costly.	Teach the message of the Cross to someone; ponder and apply it in your own daily life.
5 Fast and pray that God would help you to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Pray for a willing heart, that your whole life would be characterized by joyful surrender.	Choose several daily habits that center around surrendering your heart and behavior to Jesus in everything (for instance, giving yourself to be used by the Holy Spirit every morning before you start your day). Build these consistently and take special note of the unique joy that comes from representing Jesus instead of self.	Imitate Jesus by serving a brother or sister in a practical way, thinking of them before yourself (Philippians 2:3-5).	Read testimonies of people who sacrificed their lives for God, fulfilling His purpose instead of their own ambitions.
6 Reflect on those areas that you have difficulty surrendering to God. Confess these to your gracious Father, and ask for His forgiveness and mercy.	Practice discerning and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Take special note of the areas and things that are difficult to surrender. What are you not willing to let go of? Instead, take note of the sense of purpose that comes from letting Jesus use you.	Discuss your dreams and ambitions with spiritual elders and ask them for advice about yielding to God.	Find and read books on surrendering to God's purposes (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).
7 Commit to a time of solitude to meditate on Psalm 90.	Visit a nursing home and discuss the topic of success and failure in life with the residents.	Participate in the Communion of the Bread and Cup with your church or group, intentionally and deeply joining in the community atmosphere of grateful surrender.	Listen to sermons, teaching, or podcasts about putting God's Kingdom first.
8 Journal your struggles on areas that are difficult to surrender to God, what God is saying to you and the steps you are taking to put His Kingdom first.	Give up an activity that focuses on gaining personal success or pleasure to spend an equal amount of time seeking God.	Talk to a missionary you know and ask him or her how they maintained their deep surrender through times of failure and suffering. Ask this person to pray for you.	Study several characters in the OT or NT and note the significance and benefits of a surrendered life.
9 Worship with songs about surrendering to Jesus as your King.	Seek God's guidance to find a mission project focused on reaching the lost with the Gospel. Use a sum of money that you were planning to use for your own personal benefit to support this mission.	Have a discussion with another believer about the joy and adventure of a life that is fully surrendered. How can your minds become changed to be content and rejoice in God? Read the whole book of Philippians together.	Study several OT or NT persons who rebelled against God's will. What was the result to them and those close to them?
10 Reflect on God's wisdom and love (for example, Romans 8) to remind yourself that putting God first results in our ultimate best.	Volunteer in a service-oriented mission.		Read, listen to, or watch stories about missionaries who surrendered to God.
11 Pray in union with the heart of God for laborers in the harvest (Matthew 9:36-38). Then offer yourself to be part of the answer to your prayer.			Design a play or worship service around the theme of surrender.
12 Think about the ways you put your own will before God's in your past. What are the roots of this? Are addictions involved? How is this affecting you right now? Repent and pray that God would deliver you from these things. Receive prayer for freedom from trusted intercessors.			Read To Enjoy Him Forever by Malcolm Webber.
13 Forgive a person close to you who has offended you. If you already forgave, affirm this forgiveness. Then rejoice that God enabled you to surrender in this practical and important way.			Listen to audio teachings on Spiritual Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.



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