

I. We must decide to give ourselves completely to God

A. We are motivated by God’s mercy

B. We are to be living sacrifices

1. We surrender complete control to God

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9)

2. We surrender ourselves to belong to God

“The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in and by the man who is fully and wholly consecrated to him.”

3. We surrender to be used by God

*picture of pastors....

“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.” (Romans 6:13)

4. We surrender to worship God

5. We surrender to live for God

“In the same way count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:11)

II. We must reject the unholy pattern of the world

A. We will be pressured to conform to the world

“You have not followed my decrees or kept my laws but have conformed to the standards of the nations around you.” (Ezekiel 11:12)

B. We must reject the pressure to conform to the world

“Do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.” (1 Peter 1:14)

C. We are called to be different from the world

“You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.” (James 4:4)

III. We must be transformed into God’s image

A. It is a total transformation of the heart

B. It is a complete renewal of the mind

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5)

C. It is an ongoing process

“And, we with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

D. We will be able to know and do the will of God