



**(SLIDE #1) "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED LORD TO THEE!"**

**Introduction:**

- A. How Long Have You Been A Christian?
  
- B. How Is Your Christian Life Going?
  
- C. Compare Your Life NOW With What It Was A Year Ago, 5 Years Ago, When You Became A Christian.
  
- D. **(Slide #2)** Hymn: #669 -- "Take My Life, And Let It Be"

**Verse 1:**

“Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.

**Refrain**

Lord, I give my life to Thee,  
Thine forevermore to be;  
Lord, I give my life to Thee,  
Thine forevermore to be.

**(Slide #3) Verse 2:**

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

**Refrain**

“Lord, I give my life to Thee,

Thine forevermore to be;  
Lord, I give my life to Thee,  
Thine forevermore to be.

**(Slide #4) Verse 3:**

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

**Refrain**

“Lord, I give my life to Thee,  
Thine forevermore to be;  
Lord, I give my life to Thee,  
Thine forevermore to be.”

-- Lyrics by Frances R. Havergal, 1874  
-- Music by R. M. McIntosh, 1879

D. **(Slide #5) #664 “Take My Life, And Let It Be”**

Verse 1:

“Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise.

Verse 2:

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

**(Slide #6) Verse 3:**

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Verse 4:

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

(Slide #7) Verse 5:

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Verse 6:

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.”

-- Lyrics by Frances R. Havergal, 1874  
-- Music by Wolfgang A. Mozart, 1821

**I. (Slide #8) Consecration -- What Is It?**

- A. Devotion To God!
  
- B. Separation Of Our Lives From Those Things That Would Contaminate Our Relationship With Holy, Perfect God!
  
- C. It Is Being Set Apart To The Service Of God!
  
- D. It Carries The Idea Of Sanctification, Holiness, And Purity.

## II. (Slide #9) Why Should Christians Devote Themselves To Consecration?

- A. (▶) Because We Belong To God!
  - 1. I Cor. 6:20 “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
  - 2. Tit. 2:14 He redeemed us from every lawless deed; He purified us as His own special people!
- B. (▶) Because We Long To Please God!
- C. (Slide #10) Because We Want To Be The REAL Deal -- Authentic!
- D. (▶) Because We Are Eager To Be With God Eternally!

## III. (Slide #11) How Do You Seek Consecration?

- A. (▶) Allow God And His Word To Guide, Mold, And Enhance Your Heart And Life!
  - 1. Is. 64:8 “But now, O LORD, You *are* our Father; We *are* the clay, and You our potter; And all we *are* the work of Your hand.”
  - 2. Have the mindset of the hymn: “Have Thine Own Way Lord.”

Verse 1:

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way;  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mould me and make me After Thy will,  
While I am waiting, Yielded and still.

Verse 2:

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way;  
Search me and try me, Master, today.  
Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,  
As in Thy presence Humbly I bow.

Verse 3:

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way;  
Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray.  
Power, all power, Surely is Thine,  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Verse 4:

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way;  
Hold o'er my being Absolute sway.  
Fill with Thy Spirit Till all shall see  
Christ only, always, Living in me.

Words: Adelaide Addison Pollard, 1906

Music: George Coles Stebbins

3. We invite Christ into our lives; we long to be like Him!
4. Seek to become His masterpiece!!!!
5. "Let Him Have His Way With Thee!"

**B. (►) Consecration Demands An Honest Look And A Penitent Heart!**

1. Where are areas in my life where I need to put in some serious work to make it be what God wants it to be?
2. In areas where you see that you need to put off sin and to exalt holy living, you must agonize about being displeasing and determine to become what HE wants you to be!
3. David expressed it pointedly: Ps. 51:17 "The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart-- These, O God, You will not despise."

**C. (Slide #12) Make Your Life A LIVING SACRIFICE To God!**

1. Rom. 12:1 "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."
2. As animals were consecrated to be offered to God under the Law of Moses, offer yourself to God by using your body to His honor and glory.

D. (▶) Refuse To Let Sin Reign In Your Body!

1. Rom. 6:13 “And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.”
2. Rom. 6:12 “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.”
3. I Thess. 4:3-5 “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, <sup>5</sup>not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;”

E. (▶) Use Your Time For His Glory!

1. “Take my moments and my days, Time to give praise to Thee!
2. Have less focus upon pleasing yourself; honor Him with your time.
3. II Cor. 6:2 “Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.”

F. (▶) Let Your Will Seek To Harmonize With His Will!

1. “Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.” Mt. 6:10
2. This is the heart and focus of Jesus:
  - a. Jn. 4:34 “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’”
  - b. Jn. 6:38 “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”
3. Mt. 16:24 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.’”
4. Rev. 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

G. (Slide #13) Use Your Body For His Glory!

1. Hands
  - a. “Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners;” Js. 4:8
  - b. I Tim. 2:8 “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;”

2. Feet
  - a. Ps. 119:101 “I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.”
  - b. Ps. 26:11 “I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.”
  - c. “walk in newness of life.” Rom. 6:4
  
3. Heart
  - a. Rom. 12:2 “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.”
  - b. “purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.” Js. 4:8
  - c. Lk. 6:45 “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”
  - d. Strive for a pure conscience!
    1. Ac. 24:16 “This *being* so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.”
    2. Ac. 23:1 “Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, ‘Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.’”
  - e. In the Beatitudes: “Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.” Mt. 5:8
  
4. Mind
  - a. Phil. 2:5 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,”
  - b. Col. 3:2 “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

H. (▶) Use Your Blessings To Help His Cause!

1. Silver and gold.
  
2. Be benevolent; help others with your blessings.
  
3. I Jn. 3:17 “But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

I. (▶) Love From A Genuine Heart!

1. Col. 3:14 “But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”
  
2. I Jn. 3:18 “My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”
  
3. May our hearts well up with this sentiment: “O How I Love Jesus!”

- J. (▶) Give Yourself To Him!
  - 1. Gal. 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
  - 2. “Let Him Have His Way With Thee!”

#### IV. (Slide #14) The Blessings Of Consecration!

- A. (▶) God Is Honored And Pleased!
- B. (▶) You Live A Victorious Life!
- C. (▶) You Find Peace That Is Indescribable. Phil. 4:7 “and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”
- D. (▶) God Can Do Amazing Things With You! Jn. 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

#### (Slide #15) Conclusion:

- A. Three Verses Beautifully Sum Up This Message!
- B. Scriptures:
  - 1. (▶) Phil. 2:14,15 “Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,”
  - 2. (▶) II Cor. 7:1 “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”
  - 3. (Slide #16) I Thess. 5:23 “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”