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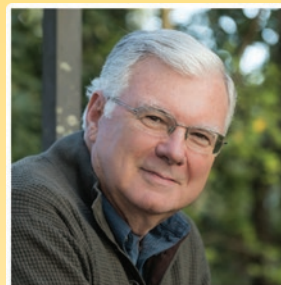
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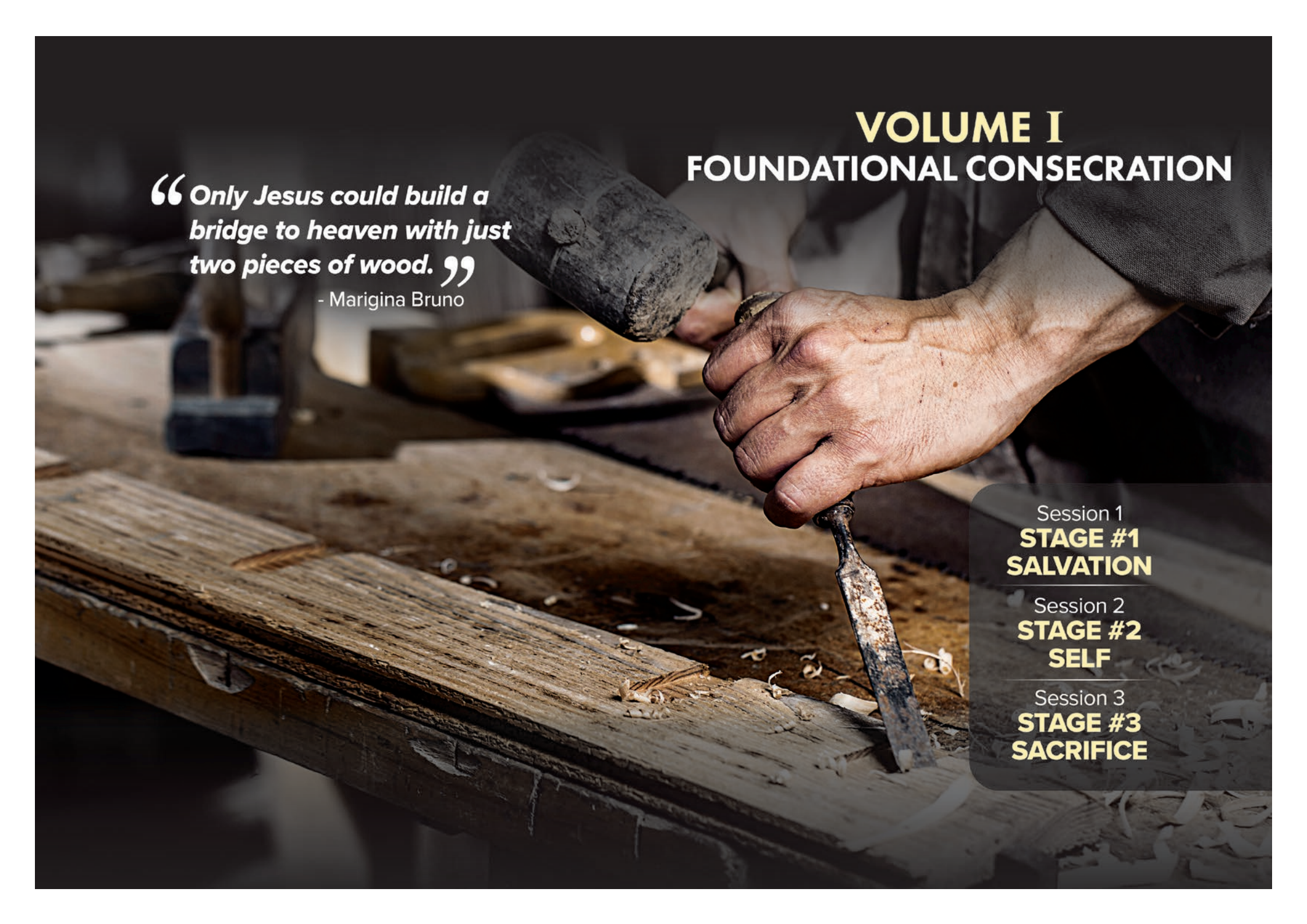
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*“Only Jesus could build a
bridge to heaven with just
two pieces of wood.”*

- Marigina Bruno

VOLUME I

FOUNDATIONAL CONSECRATION

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SESSION ONE

STAGE #1 SALVATION

Introduction

Consecration is the Amount of Our Unconditional Surrender to God

²⁹Then Moses said, “**Consecrate** (devote abundantly and completely) **yourselves today to the LORD, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day.**” Exodus 32:29a

¹Furthermore King David said to all the assembly...⁵“Who then is **willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?**” 1 Chronicles 29:1a, 5b

1. Consecration means “to devote, to set apart, to dedicate, to surrender.”
2. Consecration is centered in our heart and reveals our loyalty to God.
3. Consecration produces a closer and more obedient relationship with God.
4. Consecration should deepen over time and releases God’s blessings.
5. Consecration develops over our lifetime through five voluntary stages.

Part One

Stage #1 Salvation is the Starting Point for a Life of Consecration

1 Salvation requires a person to be born of the Spirit to enter the Kingdom of _____

³Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born** (gennao aorist passive subjunctive “to beget offspring, to bring forth”) **again** (another “from above, from a higher place”), **he cannot see** (eido aorist active) **the kingdom of God.**” ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born** (gennao aorist passive subjunctive) **of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter** (eiserchomai aorist active “to come into”) **the kingdom of God.** **That which is born** (gennao perfect passive) **of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born** (gennao perfect passive) **of the Spirit is spirit.** **Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born** (gennao aorist passive) **again** (another “from above, from a higher place”).” John 3:3-7

⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit** (kleronomeo aorist active “to receive as one’s own, to obtain, to be partaker of”) **the kingdom of God.** 1 Corinthians 15:50a

¹Whoever believes (pisteuo present active) **that Jesus is the Christ (Christos) is born** (gennao perfect passive) **of God.** 1 John 5:1a

2 Salvation occurs when we are saved from God’s wrath by believing in _____

¹⁴“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever (pas “all, everyone”) **believes** (pisteuo present active “to be persuaded of, to place confidence in, to trust, to rely upon, to hold a conviction”) **in Him should not perish but have eternal life.** ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

that whoever believes (*pisteuo* present active) **in Him should not perish but have** (*echo* present active subjunctive) **everlasting life.** ³⁶**He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.** John 3:14-16, 36

⁸Then the Lord said to Moses, **“Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.”** ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, **when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.** Numbers 21:8-9

3 Salvation by “new birth from above” is a gift from God and not based on our good _____

⁸**For by grace** (*charis* “the undeserved kindness granted by the bestower”) **you have been saved** (perfect passive) **through** (*dia* “by means of”) **faith** (*pistis* “firm persuasion, a conviction based upon being fully persuaded”) **and that not of yourselves; it is the gift** (*doron* “a gift, a present—wise men presented gifts”) **of God,** ⁸**not of works, lest** (*hina me* “in order that not”) **anyone should boast** (*kauchaomai* “to glory or boast—to take wrongful credit for”). ¹⁰**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.** Ephesians 2:8-10

Part Two

Stage #1 Salvation Includes a Change of Ownership

1 Salvation includes the shocking fact that we were _____

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

⁸For His disciples had gone away into the city **to buy** (*agorazo*) food. John 4:8

⁹And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have **redeemed** (*agorazo* aorist active) **us to God by Your blood** out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.” Revelation 5:9

¹But there were also **false prophets** among the people, even as there will be **false teachers** among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even **denying the Lord who bought** (*agorazo* aorist active) **them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.** 2 Peter 2:1

2 Salvation required Jesus to pay the price of _____

⁵For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶**who gave Himself a ransom** (*lutroo*) **for all.** 1 Timothy 2:5-6a

²⁴**Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption** (*apolutrosis* from apo “from” and *lutroo* “the price of release, the payment of a ransom, the required price”) **that is in Christ Jesus,**

²⁵**whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood.** Romans 3:24-25a

¹⁸Knowing that you **were not redeemed** (*lutroo* aorist passive) **with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,** ¹⁹**but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.** 1 Peter 1:18-19

¹³Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴**who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem** (*lutroo* aorist middle) **us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.**

Titus 2:13-14

3 Salvation through Christ’s shed blood made us His _____

⁹**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy** (*hagios* “separated to God as sacred”) **nation, a people for his own possession** (*peripoiesis* “that which is acquired, an acquisition, one’s own possession”) **that** (*hopos* “in order that, with the design that”) **you may proclaim** (*exaggello* aorist active subjunctive “to declare publicly, to make known by praising”) **the excellencies** (*arete* “preeminence, virtue, moral perfection, power”) **of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.** 1 Peter 2:9 ESV

¹³In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed (aorist active), **you were sealed** (aorist passive) **with the Holy Spirit of promise,** ¹⁴**who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption** (*lutroo*) **of the purchased possession** (*peripoiesis* “that which is acquired, an acquisition, one’s own possession”), **to the praise of His glory.** Ephesians 1:13-14

Part Three

Stage #1 Salvation Launches Our Lifelong Quest to Become Fully Consecrated as Christ’s Possession

1 Salvation begins our life of consecration as newborn _____

¹And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but...**babes** in Christ.

²**I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able.** 1 Corinthians 3:1-2

¹⁴**That we should no longer be children,** tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵**but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up** (*auxano* aorist active subjunctive “to increase, to become more mature”) **in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.** Ephesians 4:14-15

2 Salvation does not guarantee believers will grow into _____

¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, **you need someone to teach you again the first principles** of the oracles of God; and **you have come to need milk and not solid food.** ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a **babe.** Hebrews 5:12-13

3 Salvation set us free from sin and made us God’s _____

²²**But now having been set free** (aorist passive) **from sin, and having become slaves** (*doulooo* aorist passive “to make a slave of, to bring into bondage”) **of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.** Romans 6:22

Conclusion**Stage #1 Salvation Consecration Breakthrough:
Believe in Jesus Christ as Your Savior to be Saved**

³⁰And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**” ³¹**So they said, “Believe** (pisteuo aorist active imperative) **in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved** (future passive), **you and your household.**” Acts 16:30-31

⁹**That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹⁰**For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.** Romans 10:9-10

¹²**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe** (present active) **in His name.** John 1:12

The Salvation Breakthrough	1. Totally Rejecting	2. Seriously Considering	3. Finally Ready
“I put my full trust in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ as full payment for my sins. I received Him as My Savior and know I will enjoy eternal life in Heaven with Him.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I totally reject the death of Jesus as the only acceptable payment to God for my sins. I’m counting on my many good works to earn my salvation.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I am seriously considering repenting from believing I can save myself by my good works. I am nearing the point of placing my full trust in Jesus as my Savior.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I am fully convinced that I must be born from above to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I am ready to place my complete faith in Jesus and receive Him as my Savior.”

⁵**Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?** 1 Chronicles 29:5b

POST-SESSION 1 Salvation Interactive Questions

- 1. Review:** Look back over the notes for this chapter and summarize the main truths you learned.
- 2. Respond:** Describe how you felt when you discovered Christ bought you and that you are His prized possession.
- 3. Reflect:** As you discovered in Part One, salvation is applied to each of us solely by our faith in Christ. At the moment of salvation, we are born of the Spirit and immediately are given eternal life—we don’t have to die to receive our gift of entrance into heaven, but it is granted at that very moment. Explain then how our good works or our evil works (sins) relate to the free gift of salvation.
- 4. Renew:** Take a few moments and write a personal letter to Jesus thanking Him for your salvation.

Dear Jesus,

SESSION TWO





STAGE #2 SELF

Introduction

Stage #2 Self Begins at Salvation with the Entrance of the Holy Spirit

⁷*“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”* John 16:7

¹⁶*“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with (para “beside, alongside of”) you and will be in you.”* John 14:16-17

Before Salvation	Salvation	After Salvation	After Consecration
			
We live without the Holy Spirit	We receive the Spirit into our life	We struggle against the Spirit	We submit to the Spirit

Part One

Stage #2 Self is the Extended Struggle Between Our Flesh and the Holy Spirit

1 Self lives alone until the Holy Spirit moves into our _____

¹⁹*Or 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?* 1 Corinthians 6:19

⁹*Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.* Romans 8:9b

¹³*In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed (pisteuo aorist active participle “the completeness of the act of faith”), you were sealed (sphragizo aorist passive “to place a mark or imprint of ownership for security, to legally authenticate, to secure from destruction or theft, to protect until delivery, to postpone until disclosure”) with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is the guarantee (arrabon “earnest money to purchase something, down-payment, pledge that the full amount will be paid, in modern Greek arrabona is an engagement ring”) of our inheritance until the redemption (apolutrosis from apo “from” and lutron “ransom paid”—“release from bondage by paying the required price”) of the purchased possession (peripoiesis “one’s own property by purchase”), to the praise of His glory.* Ephesians 1:13-14

2 Self lived before salvation controlled by the desires of our _____

¹And you He made alive, who **were dead in trespasses and sins**, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³among whom also **we all once conducted** (*anastrepho* aorist passive “the way life is conducted, behave, literally to turn upside down or overthrow”) **ourselves in the lusts** (*epithumia* “deep desire, craving, longing, usually of evil desires”) **of our flesh** (*sarx* “the unregenerate state of mankind, human body, human nature, the lower nature of man”), **fulfilling the desires** (*thelema* “the will or wishes, the emotion of desire”) **of the flesh** (*sarx*) **and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.** Ephesians 2:1-3

3 Self struggles because our flesh and the Spirit have opposing _____

¹⁶But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh** (*sarx*). ¹⁷**For the desires** (*epithymeo* present active “to have intense desire”) **of the flesh** (*sarx*) **are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh** (*sarx*), **for these are opposed** (*antikeimai* present active “to lie opposite, to be set against”) **to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.** Galatians 5:16-17 ESV

4 Self knows if they are “in the flesh” as the “works of the flesh” are _____

¹⁹Now the **works of the flesh** (*sarx*) **are evident**, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like. Galatians 5:19-21a

5 Self struggles to accept that “in our flesh” dwells nothing _____

¹⁸For I know that in me, that is, **in my flesh**, (*sarx*) **nothing good dwells** (*oikeo* present active “to occupy a house, reside, remain”); **for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.** ¹⁹For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Romans 7:18-19

6 Self realizes that our flesh is an enemy of the Spirit and cannot be _____

⁷Because the **carnal** (*sarx*) **mind is enmity** (*echthra* “hatred, enemies”) **against God; for it is not subject** (*upotasso* present passive “to submit, to arrange under”) **to the law of God, nor indeed can be** (*dunamai* “to be able, to have the power”). Romans 8:7

7 Self cannot please God when living “in the _____”

⁸So then, **those who are in the flesh** (*sarx*) **cannot please** (*aresko* “to be pleasing, to be acceptable to”) **God.** Romans 8:8

Part Two

Stage #2 Self Finds it Difficult to Transition from “Living in the Flesh” to “Walking in the Spirit”

1 Self must learn to “walk in the Spirit” or remain carnal for _____

¹⁴But the **natural** (*psuchikos* “natural life, governed by the sensuous nature”) **man does not receive** (*dechomai* “to take up, to accept by deliberate and ready reception of what is offered”) **the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually** (*pneumatikos* “led by or assisted by the aid of the Spirit”) **discerned.** ¹And I, brethren, **could not speak to you as to spiritual people** (*pneumatikos*) **but as to carnal** (*sarx* “fleshly, sensual, controlled by fallen human nature”), **as to babes** (*nepios* “infant, little child, childish”) **in Christ.** ²I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; ³for you are still **carnal** (*sarx*). **For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal** (*sarx*) **and behaving like mere men?** 1 Corinthians 2:14; 3:1-3

- 1.1 The Natural person is unconverted and cannot receive the things of the Spirit.
- 1.2 The Spiritual person is converted, denies the flesh, and walks by the Spirit.
- 1.3 The Carnal person is converted but chooses to live by the flesh as “mere men.”

2 Self stops trying to improve their flesh but puts it to death by the _____

¹²Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh (*sarx*), to live according to the flesh (*sarx*). ¹³For if you live according to the flesh (*sarx*) you will die (present active); **but if by the Spirit you put to death** (present active) **the deeds of the body, you will live.** Romans 8:12-13

²⁴And those who are **Christ’s have crucified** (*stauroo* aorist active) **the flesh** (*sarx*) **with its passions and desires.** Galatians 5:24

3 Self knows if they are “walking by the Spirit” because the “fruit of the Spirit” is _____

²²But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

4 Self chooses to “put off” the Old Man and “put on” the New _____

²⁰But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²²**that you put off** (*apothithemi* aorist middle “to lay aside, to lay down”), **concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt** (*phtheiro* present passive “to destroy by becoming depraved”), **according to the deceitful** (*apate* “to deceive, beguile, seduce”) **lusts,** ²³**and be renewed** (present passive) **in the spirit of your mind,** ²⁴**and that you put on** (aorist middle) **the new man which was created** (*ktizo* aorist passive “to make habitable for people, to create a place”) **according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.** Ephesians 4:20-24 (Colossians 3:8-10)

Part Three

Stage #2 Self Walks by the Spirit by Maintaining a Good Relationship with Him

¹⁶*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.* Romans 8:16

1 Self must develop a meaningful relationship with the Holy

¹⁴**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion** (koinonia “fellowship, association, close relationship”) **of the Holy Spirit be with** (meta “accompanies, in the midst of”) **you all, Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

2 Self overcomes the flesh by “_____ in the Spirit.”

¹⁶*I say then: Walk* (peripateo present active imperative “all the activities of life”) *in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.* Galatians 5:16

3 Self overcomes the flesh by not “the Spirit.”

³⁰*And do not grieve* (lupeo present active imperative “to cause pain or grief, to make sorry, to distress”) *the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*
Ephesians 4:30

4 Self overcomes the flesh by not “the Spirit”

¹⁹*Do not quench* (sbennumi present active imperative “to extinguish, put out a fire, to suppress, stifle”) *the Spirit*. 1 Thessalonians 5:19

5 Self overcomes the flesh by being “by the Spirit.”

¹⁸*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled (pleroo present passive imperative “to make full, to cause to abound”) with the Spirit.* Ephesians 5:18

6 Self rejects the flesh and chooses the Spirit during His _____

⁹*For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.* Psalm 7:9b

***10**“I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.” Jeremiah 17:10*

Conclusion

Stage #2 Self Consecration Breakthrough: Walk in the Spirit and Pass His Tests

²⁵*If we live* (present active) *in the Spirit, let us also walk* (*stoicheo* present active subjunctive “to walk in a row, walk orderly, to direct one’s life”) *in the Spirit.* Galatians 5:25

The Self Breakthrough	1. Living In the Flesh	2. Struggling with Flesh	3. Living In the Spirit
<p>"I have lost confidence in my flesh and stopped trying to reform it. I walk most of the time in the Spirit and consciously seek not to grieve or quench the Spirit but be filled by Him."</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> "This is all new to me—and I'm not sure how to have communion with the Spirit. I must admit that I fail too many of those tests. I need to learn to walk in the Spirit and not the flesh."</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> "I have made some progress, but I still struggle too much with the flesh. I need to put off the Old Man more quickly and consciously walk in the Spirit."</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> "I have been living with the Spirit in a close relationship and pass most of the tests that He sends my way. I am ready to commit to live my life by the Spirit on an ongoing basis."</p>

⁵*“Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?”* 1 Chronicles 29:5b

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POST-SESSION 2 Self Interactive Questions

- 1. Review:** Reread the main points in Parts 1 and 2, and summarize what you learned about our “Self.”
- 2. Respond:** It can be devastating to discover how God views our self, and that when we live in the “flesh” we cannot please God. Our flesh cannot be saved or reformed but must be totally abandoned. How did you feel as this truth dawned in your thinking?
- 3. Reflect:** If you are born from above, then the Person of the Holy Spirit moved into your life. List 3-5 words that best describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit in the preceding year or so.
- 4. Renew:** The “Spiritual Life” primarily describes our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Look over Part Three and list the four primary commands. Describe your commitment regarding your relationship with the Spirit going forward.

Journal

Take a few minutes to list the major things you have been enlightened about consecration and what commitments you have made with God.

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SESSION THREE

STAGE #3 SACRIFICE

Introduction

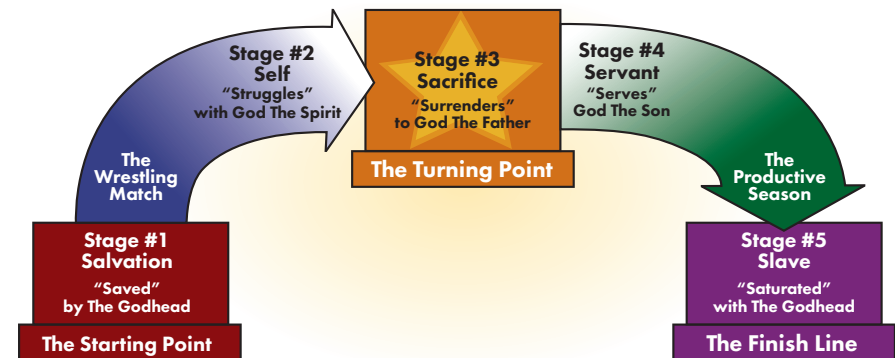
Stage #3 Sacrifice is the Great Turning Point of Consecration

¹⁹**Or do you not know that your body** (soma “the body as a whole, the physical body”) **is** (present) **the temple** (naos “sanctuary”) **of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are** (present) **not your own?** ²⁰**For you were bought** (agorazo aorist passive) **at a price; therefore glorify** (doxazo aorist active imperative “magnify, extol, praise, give honor, make glorious, make renown”) **God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this **temple**, and in three days I will raise it up.”

²⁰Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this **temple**, and will You raise it up in three days?” ²¹But He was speaking of the **temple of His body.** John 2:19-21

¹⁹Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰having been built (aorist passive) **on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,** ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together (present passive), **grows** (present active) **into a holy temple in the Lord,** ²²**in whom you also are being built together** (present passive) **for a dwelling place** (katoiketerion from oiketer “an inhabitant” and oikos “a dwelling” — “the dwelling place for habitation”) **of God in the Spirit.** Ephesians 2:19-22



Part One

Stage #3 Sacrifice is the Believer's Response to the Love and Mercy of God

¹**I beseech** (parakaleo present active “to call to one’s side, to comfort, exhort”) **you therefore, brethren, by** (dia “by the means of, the reason for”) **the mercies** (oiktimos “compassion, mercy, to show pity”) **of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.** Romans 12:1

1 “Beseech” reveals Sacrifice is not required but _____

⁵A centurion came to Him, **pleading** with Him. Matthew 8:5b

⁴⁰And with many other words he testified and **exhorted** them. Acts 2:40a

2 “Brethren” includes new believers and those saved for _____

⁷To all who are in Rome, **beloved of God, called to be saints** (*hagios*). ⁸**Your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.** Romans 1:7a, 8b

⁸“And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites...**visitors from Rome**...”¹¹we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” Acts 2:8-11

3 “Therefore by the Mercies of God” is the reason to become a _____

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father of mercies.** 2 Corinthians 1:3a

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²**He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?** ³⁸For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:31-32, 38-39

Part Two

Stage #3 Sacrifice is the Voluntary Consecration of the Believer’s Entire Life to God

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **“that you present** (*paristemi* aorist active from *para* “near or by” and *histimi* “to set” meaning “to set before, to place beside, to yield, to surrender to, to place something at another’s disposal”) **your bodies a living** (*zao* present active “to be alive”) **sacrifice** (*thusia* “that which is offered to God”), **holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.**” Romans 12:1

1 “That You Present Your Bodies” is an option for all believers that occurs only _____

²²Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to **present** (*paristemi* aorist active) **Him to the Lord.** Luke 2:22

⁴¹Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he **presented** (*paristeimi* aorist active) **her alive.** Acts 9:41

2 “A Living Sacrifice” means to die to “Self” but be alive to _____

³³“And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is **more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.**” Mark 12:33

Stage #1	Stage #2	Stage #3	Stage #4	Stage #5
Salvation	Self			
One Time	Extended Process	One Time		
Whole	Parts			
Born Again	Flesh and Spirit	Living Sacrifice		
Believe	Pass Tests			

Part Three

Stage #3 Sacrifice is the Believer’s Logical Response to God’s Mercies and is Accepted by God

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, **holy** (*hagios* “separated to God, devoted for sacred purposes”), **acceptable** (*euarestos* “well pleasing, causing pleasure to another”) **to God, which is your reasonable** (*logikos* “logical, rational, based upon thoughtful reasoning”) **service** (*latreia* “work rendered, to perform sacred services”). Romans 12:1

1 “Holy” means your Sacrifice is set apart by God as _____

²²Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called **holy** (*hagios*) to the LORD”). Luke 2:22-23

⁹**But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy** (*hagios*) **nation, His own special** (*peripoiesis* “purchased possession, that which is acquired, a possession”) **people, that you may proclaim** (*exaggello* aorist active subjunctive from *ek* “out” and *angello* “to proclaim” meaning “to declare, to proclaim abroad, to publish, to show forth”) **the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.** 1 Peter 2:9

2 “Acceptable to God” assures us that God is well-pleased by our _____

²²And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You **I am well pleased.**” Luke 3:22

²⁰Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is **well pleasing** to the Lord. Colossians 3:20

3 “Your Reasonable Service” means our presentation is not primarily emotional but _____

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.** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

4 “Presenting Yourself a Living Sacrifice” leads to a life of greater obedience and _____

‘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. ²And do not be conformed (suschematizo present middle imperative) *to this world* (aion “an age, era, time period marked by specific characteristics”), *but be transformed* (metamorphoo present passive imperative “change from one form to another, inner change”) *by the renewing* (anakainosis from ana “back or again” kainos “new not just recent but different”) *of your mind, that you may prove* (dokimazo present active “to test with a view to approving, scrutinize, to discern as genuine after examination”) *what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* Romans 12:1-2

Conclusion

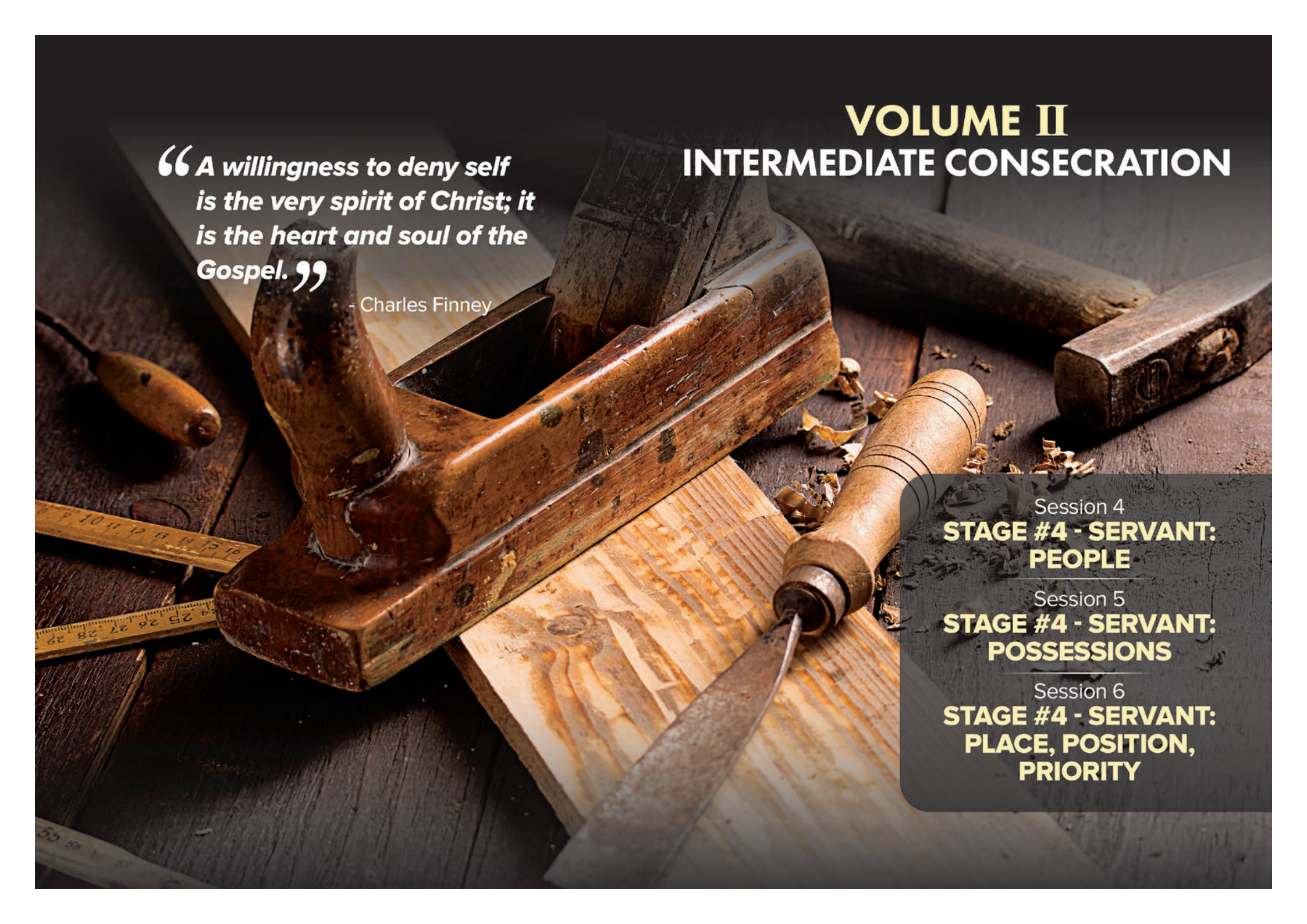
Stage #3 Sacrifice Consecration Breakthrough: Surrender Yourself to God as a Living Sacrifice

The Sacrifice Breakthrough	1. Not Willing	2. Almost Ready	3. Ready Now
“I recognize that the Lord has purchased me with His blood and desires for me to trust Him enough to present myself as a Living Sacrifice. I have surrendered.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I want to live my life the way I want. I don’t trust Christ enough to surrender my life and future to Him.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I’m getting closer but my “Self” is still too strong. I am determined to get to the place where I will present myself as a Living Sacrifice in the near future, but need to pass more tests.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I have finally come to the place that I realize that God loves me more than I love myself—and I can fully trust Him. I am ready to present myself as a Living Sacrifice.”

⁵“Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?” 1 Chronicles 29:5b

POST-SESSION 3 Sacrifice Interactive Questions

- Review:** Why do you think Stage #3 is called “The Great Turning Point”? What came before it and what do you anticipate comes after it?
- Respond:** How do you think God the Father feels when one of His children turns away from His invitation to become a “Living Sacrifice”? Place yourself in His position as your Father—describe His emotional response to one of His children not trusting Him enough to do this.
- Reflect:** Why does the Bible state that the motivating reason to become a “Living Sacrifice” is the mercies of God? List as many of the mercies of God as you can without looking back at the session notes.
- Renew:** Many benefits follow the believer who chooses to become a “Living Sacrifice.” See how many you can list below—think long term!



***“A willingness to deny self
is the very spirit of Christ; it
is the heart and soul of the
Gospel.”***

- Charles Finney

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Introduction

Stage #4 Servant Must Meet Christ's Advanced Disciple Requirements

²⁵Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he **cannot** (dunamai) **be My disciple** (mathetes). ²⁷And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me **cannot** (dunamai) **be My disciple** (mathetes). ³³So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has **cannot** (dunamai "to have the power, to be able to do") **be My disciple** (mathetes "learner, pupil, follower")." Luke 14:25-27, 33

Part One

Stage #4 Servant is Optional for All Believers but Requires Surrendering Everyone and Everything

³⁴When He had called the **people** to Himself, with His **disciples** also, He said to them, **"Whoever desires** (theolo present active "to will, desire") **to come after Me, let him deny** (aparneomai aorist imperative "to deny utterly, to totally disregard one's own interests") **himself, and take up** (aorist active imperative) **his cross, and follow** (present active imperative) **Me."** Mark 8:34

1 Servant requires difficult "works" and therefore cannot be required for the gift of _____

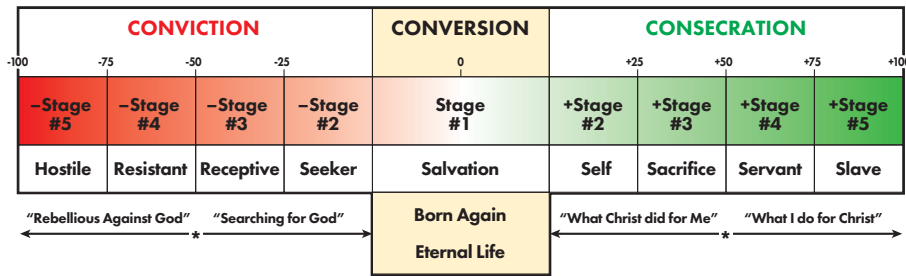
⁸**For by grace** (charis "kindness bestowed often not deserved, merciful graciousness") **you have been saved** (sozo perfect passive "to rescue from danger, suffering, destruction, death") **through** (dia "by means of") **faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift** (doron "a present, something given voluntarily without payment in return") **of God, ⁹not of works** (ergon "deeds, actions"), **lest anyone should boast** (kauchaomai "take credit for"). Ephesians 2:8-9

2 Servant grows beyond the immature disciple stage to become Christ's mature _____

¹⁸The **disciples of John** and of the **Pharisees** were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, **"Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but **Your disciples** do not fast?"** Mark 2:18

²⁶Then they reviled him and said, **"You are His disciple, but we are **Moses' disciples**."** John 9:28

²⁸Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, **that we may present** (paristemi aorist active subjunctive) **every man perfect** (teleios "complete, mature, lacking nothing") **in Christ Jesus.** Colossians 1:28



3 Servant struggles with the difficult requirements and during the process many disciples turn _____

⁶⁰Therefore many of **His disciples**, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" ⁶¹When Jesus knew in Himself that **His disciples complained** (*gonguzo* present active "to mutter, grumble, to speak against in a low voice") **about this, He said to them, "Does this offend** (*skandalizo* present active "literally to put a snare or stumbling block in the way, stumble, to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey, to cause displeasure") **you?"** ⁶⁶From that time many of His disciples went back (*aperchomai* aorist active "to depart, go away") **and walked with Him no more.** John 6:60-61, 66

4 Servant level of complete consecration is Christ's ultimate _____

¹⁹Go therefore and **make disciples** (*matheteuo* aorist active imperative "to make a disciple by teaching and instruction") **of all the nations** (*ethnos* "tribe, people group"), **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰**teaching** (*didasko* present active "to give instruction, to explain") **them to observe** (*tereo* present active "to keep, to give heed to, to obey") **all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."** Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

²¹And when they had preached the gospel to that city and **made many disciples** (*matheteuo* aorist active "to teach in order to make a disciple"), **they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,** ²²**strengthening** (*episterizo* present active "to establish, render more firm, to support in order to strengthen") **the souls** (*psuche*) **of the disciples.** Acts 14:21-22a

²⁸Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, **that we may present every man perfect** (*teleios* "complete, mature, perfect, lacking nothing") **in Christ Jesus.** ²⁹To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. Colossians 1:28-29

Part Two

Stage #4 Servant People Requires "Hating Everyone" in Comparison to "Loving Christ"

1 Servant People requires "Hating" everyone in order to follow _____

²⁵Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶**"If anyone comes** (present tense) **to Me and does not hate** (*miseo* present active "strong dislike, to love far less—to prefer and choose one over another, to disregard the claims for another of higher importance") **his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot** (*dunamai* "to be able, to have the power to, to be capable of") **be** (present tense) **My disciple** (*mathetes* "a learner, a person who follows another's teaching")." Luke 14:25-26

²⁹Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. ³⁰And **you shall love** (*agapao* "deep and unconditional love for others demonstrated by actions benefitting the other person, whether deserving or not") **the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'** This is the first commandment." Mark 12:29-30

2 Servant People requires disciples to love Christ above everyone with tender _____

³⁷**"He who loves** (*phileo* present active "tender affection, to be fond of, to be friends with, to delight in") **father or mother more than Me is not worthy** (*axios* "deserving, suitable, of comparable value") **of Me. And he who loves** (*phileo* present active) **son or daughter more than Me is not worthy** (*axios*) **of Me."** Matthew 10:37

Greek	Characteristics	Commanded
Agapao 147X	Always seeks the benefit of the other person even if a stranger or enemy. Unconditional love acts regardless of your feelings or their behavior.	Frequently
Phileo 25X	Built upon mutual friendship with an emotional bond, related to loyalty. Conditional love can be temporary and is based upon mutual benefit.	Never

²²**If anyone does not love** (*phileo* present active, in context--some were faking they were Christians and yet were without true love for Christ) **the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be** (*eto* present imperative) **accursed** (*anathema* "condemned, to be separated from the church, devoted to God's wrath and judgment"). **O Lord, come** (*maranatha* "the Lord is at hand")!

1 Corinthians 16:22

3 Servant People requires giving honor and preference to Christ and His work above all human _____

⁵⁹Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

⁶⁰Jesus said to him, "**Let** (imperative) **the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach** (present active imperative) **the kingdom of God."** Luke 9:59-60

¹²And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; **for now I know** that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Genesis 22:12

4 Servant People continues to serve Christ even after major _____

¹⁵So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, **do you love** (*agapao* present active) **Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love** (*phileo* present active) **You."** He said to him, "**Feed** (present active imperative) **My lambs."** John 21:15

Part Three

Stage #4 Servant People Requires “Hating Your Life” in Comparison to “Loving Christ”

²⁶*If anyone comes* (present tense) *to Me and* **does not hate** (present active) *his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life* (*psuche* “soul”) *also, he cannot be* (present tense) **My disciple.”** Luke 14:26

1 **Servant People must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow _____**

³⁴When He had called the **people** to Himself, with His **disciples** also, He said to them, “Whoever **desires** (theolo present active “to will, desire”) **to come after Me**, let him **deny** (aparnemomai aorist imperative “to deny utterly, to totally disregard one’s own interests”) **himself**, and **take up** (aorist active imperative) **his cross**, and **follow** (present active imperative) **Me**.” Mark 8:34

³⁸***“And he who does not take* (present active) ***his cross and follow*** (present active) ***after Me is*** (present) ***not worthy*** (axios “deserving, suitable, of comparable value”) ***of Me.”*** Matthew 10:38**

²⁴“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵He who loves (*phileo* present active) his life will lose it, and **he who hates** (*miseo* present active) **his life in this world** will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶**If anyone serves** (*diakoneo* present active subjunctive) **Me, let him follow** (*akoloutheo* present active imperative “go in the same way or direction, to follow in a certain direction, to accompany another person”) **Me.”** John 12:24-26a

2 **Servant People must be a disciple who views all people in the same way**
as _____

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵**It is enough** (arketos “sufficient, satisfactory”) **for a disciple** (mathetes) **that he be** (aorist active subjunctive) **like his teacher** (didaskalos), **and a servant** (doulos “slave”) **like his master** (kurios “Lord, authority, owner”).” Matthew 10:24-25a

⁴⁶While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. ⁴⁷Then one said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.” ⁴⁸But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” ⁴⁹And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “**Here are My mother and My brothers!**” ⁵⁰**For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”** Matthew 12:46-50

Conclusion

Stage #4 Servant People Consecration Breakthrough: Surrender Everyone You Love to Christ

26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:26

The People Requirement	1. Totally Unsurrendered	2. Struggling to Surrender	3. Totally Surrendered
"I love, honor, and give preference to Christ far more than my parents, spouse, children, grandchildren, siblings, and myself."	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>"I love my family more than Christ and I put them above Christ in my daily life. I don't trust Christ with my family anyway, I just love them too much!"</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>"I try to love Christ more than my parents, spouse, children, siblings, and myself but it's too hard. Maybe someday I'll be able to surrender my loved ones."</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>"I am ready to surrender to Christ each of my family members and myself because I love Christ more and trust Him fully."</i>

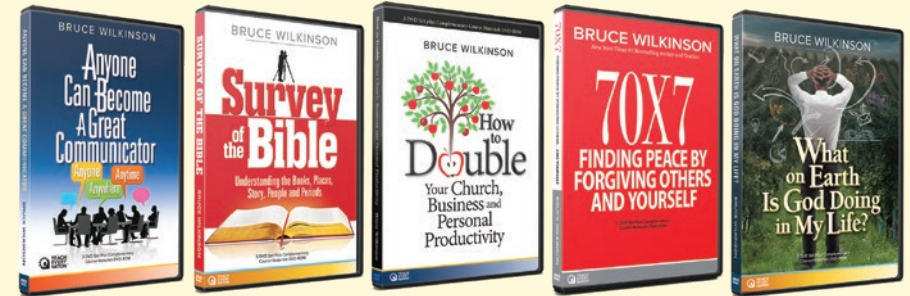
⁵“Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?” 1 Chronicles 29:5b

POST-SESSION 4 Servant People Interactive Questions

- 1. Review:** Too many followers of Christ confuse the free gift of salvation with His advanced and difficult requirements. What do you think are the results of this misunderstanding?
- 2. Respond:** As you came to understand this first requirement of Jesus of “hating your father, mother, spouse, children, and yourself,” how did you emotionally react?
- 3. Reflect:** Do you think Christ has the right to require such complete loyalty? Why would a believer run away from this requirement--what is our greatest fear?
- 4. Renew:** List in order the hardest to the easiest person to surrender to Christ. What do you plan to do about His “People” requirement?

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STAGE #4 SERVANT: POSSESSIONS

Introduction

Stage #4 Servant Possessions Meets Christ's Advanced Requirement to "Forsake All"

²⁵**Now great multitudes went with Him.** And He turned and said to them, ²⁶**"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ³³So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."** Luke 14:25-27, 33

Part One

Stage #4 Servant is Warned to Seriously "Count the Costs" before Pursuing Advanced Discipleship

1 Servant is not required or commanded but voluntary
and therefore _____

³⁴When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, **"Whoever desires** (theolo present active "to have in mind, to will, to wish, to intend") **to come** (erchomai aorist active "to go, to follow, to accompany") **after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."** Mark 8:34

2 Servant is warned by Christ not to begin the difficult discipleship process
unless he is able and committed to _____

Requirement #1	(Serious Warning)	Requirement #3
The People Precondition	Somber Evaluation	The Possessions Precondition
Luke 14:26-27 (2 verses)	Luke 14:28-32 (5 verses)	Luke 14:33 (1 verse)
"Hate Family and Yourself"	"Count the Costs"	"Forsake All"

²⁸**"For which of you, intending** (thelo present active "to have in mind, to will, to wish, to intend") **to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— ²⁹lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'?"** Luke 14:28-30

⁶²**But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put** (aorist active) **his hand to the plow, and looking back** (present active), **is fit** (euthetos "well placed, well adapted, ready for use, useful") **for the kingdom of God."** Luke 9:62

3 Servant is open to all believers but not many follow
Christ to this advanced _____

STAGE #4 SERVANT: POSSESSIONS

Stage #1	Stage #2	Stage #3	Stage #4	Stage #5
Salvation	Self	Sacrifice		
One Time	Extended Process	One Time	Extended Process	
Whole	Parts	Whole		
Born Again	Flesh & Spirit	Living Sacrifice	Mature Disciple	
Believe	Pass Tests	Surrender		

Part Two

Stage #4 Servant Possessions Requires “Forsaking All” and is the Second Prerequisite to Follow Christ

1 Servant Possessions means disciples live in a continuous attitude of having surrendered to Christ everything they _____

³³“So likewise, whoever of you **does not forsake** (apotasso present middle “to renounce, to say goodbye to, to get rid of”) **all that he has** (huparchonta present active “to have goods, possessions, wealth, property, goods”) **cannot** (dunamai “unable, not having the power, incapable”) **be** (present tense) **My disciple.**” Luke 14:33

2 Servant Possessions must be “forsaken” because Christ states no one can serve both God and _____

²⁴“**No one can serve** (douleuo present active “to serve as a slave, to be in bondage”) **two masters** (kurios “Lord, authority, owner”); **for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal** (antecho future middle “to hold firmly, to be devoted to, to pay heed to”) **to the one and despise** (kataphroneo future active from kata “down” and phren “the mind” meaning “to think little or nothing of, to have contempt for”) **the other. You cannot serve** (douleuo present active “to serve as a slave of”) **God and mammon** (mamonas “riches, treasure”).” Matthew 6:24

3 Servant Possessions “Forsake Tests” are often unexpected challenges that reveal our level of _____

²⁷After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “**Follow** (akoloutheo present active imperative “to be going in the same direction, to be a follower”) **Me.**” ²⁸So he left (kataleipo aorist active “to leave behind, to abandon”) **all, rose up, and followed Him.** Luke 5:27-28

¹⁰Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” ¹¹So when they had brought their boats to land, **they forsook** (aphiemi aorist active “to leave behind, neglect”) **all and followed Him.** Luke 5:10b-11

4 Servant Possessions means disciples cannot predict when Christ may request that they give away part or all that they _____

²⁰The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. **What do I still lack** (hustereo present active “to be behind in, to come short of, to fail to reach the goal”)?” ²¹Jesus said to him, “**If you want to be perfect** (teleios “complete, full, to reach the end, complete, mature”), **go** (present imperative), **sell** (aorist imperative) **what you have** (present active) **and give** (aorist imperative) **to the poor, and you will have** (future active) **treasure** (thesaurus “valuables that are stored in a treasury”) **in heaven; and come** (present imperative), **follow** (present imperative) **Me.**” ²²But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Matthew 19:20-22

Part Three

Stage #4 Servant Possessions Realizes Christ Promised Eternal Rewards for Forsaking All for Him

1 Servant Possessions are commanded by Christ to be stored up in heaven for _____

¹⁹“**Do not lay up** (thesaurizo present active imperative “to gather up and store wealth, to accumulate riches”) **for yourselves treasure** (thesaurus) **on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;** ²⁰**but lay up** (thesaurizo present active imperative “to gather up and store wealth, to accumulate riches”) **for yourselves treasure** (thesaurus) **in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.** ²¹**For where your treasure** (thesaurus) **is** (present), **there your heart will be** (future) **also.**” Matthew 6:19-21

2 Servant Possessions and People forsaken in this age earn personal rewards when Christ _____

²⁷“For the Son of Man **will come** in the glory of His Father with His angels, **and then He will reward** (apodidomai future tense “to give back completely or fully”) **each according to** (kata “in proportionate to”) **his works.**” Matthew 16:27

²⁷Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, **we have left** (aphiemi aorist active “leave, forsake”) **all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have** (future tense)?” ²⁸So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, **that in the regeneration** (paliggenesia from palin “new” and genesis “birth or beginning” meaning “the restoration period, the making new, the inception of a new state”), **when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.** ²⁹**And everyone who has left** (aphiemi aorist active “forsaken”) **houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake,** (heneka “for the benefit of, for the cause of, on account of”), **shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit** (kleronemeo future active “to receive inherited property, to receive earned possessions”) **eternal life.** ³⁰**But many who are first will be** (future) **last, and the last first.**” Matthew 19:27-30

3 Servant Possessions are only rewardable if forsaken

“for Christ’s _____”

²⁹“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, **for My name’s sake**, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.”

Matthew 19:29

4 Servant Possessions forsaken have not been distributed yet because the rewards are still with Christ in _____

¹²“**And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward** (*misthos* “wages paid for work, paycheck”) **is with Me, to give** (*apodidomi* aorist active “to pay what is due, to give back, to pay off, restore”) **to every one according to his work.**”

Revelation 22:12

Conclusion**Servant Possessions Consecration Breakthrough:
Forsake All You Own to Christ**

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵**It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.**” Matthew 10:24-25a

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor**, that you through His poverty might become rich (*pluteo* aorist active subjunctive “to become rich, to have an abundance of possessions, to become wealthy”).

2 Corinthians 8:9

The Possessions Requirement	1. Totally Unforsaken	2. Struggling to Forsake All	3. Totally Forsaken All
“I have fully forsaken all to Christ including my money, house, car, lands, assets, business, and personal treasure.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I give God some money here and there but I’m unwilling to forsake everything. I need to accumulate much more!”	<input type="checkbox"/> “If God is reasonable, I am willing to give some extra now and then, but I am unwilling to forsake all.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I trust Christ to meet all of my needs and therefore am ready to forsake everything. Whatever and whenever Christ asks, I’ll give.”

⁵“Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?” 1 Chronicles 29:5b

POST-SESSION 5 Servant Possessions Interactive Questions

- 1. Review:** Christ stressed “counting the costs” before moving forward to become Christ’s full disciple. Why do you think He gave such a serious warning?
- 2. Respond:** Everyone who seriously considers “forsaking all” immediately experiences strong emotions. What were your emotions and what did they reveal about any bondage you may have to your “things”?
- 3. Reflect:** Christ contrasted our loyalty to our “money/treasures” and our loyalty to Him. Why do you think He said no one could serve both at the same time?
- 4. Renew:** Too many teach that our “rewards” are received now, whereas Christ repeatedly stated that He bestows His rewards primarily at His future coming. How has this affected Christians where you live?

SESSION SIX

STAGE #4 SERVANT: PLACE, POSITION, PRIORITY

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Introduction

Stage #4 Servant is Trained to be Like Jesus and is Willing to Do Anything for Him

⁴⁰*"A disciple (mathetes) is not above his teacher (didaskalos), but everyone who is perfectly trained (katartizo perfect passive "to render fit, complete, rightly ordered, make one what he ought to be") will be like his teacher (didaskalos)."* Luke 6:40

¹⁹*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."* Matthew 28:19a

¹*Imitate (present imperative) me, just as I also imitate Christ.* 1 Corinthians 11:1

Mandated for Disciples by Jesus Christ		Modeled for Disciples by Jesus Christ		
1. People	2. Possessions	3. Place	4. Position	5. Priority
"Hate Everyone for Christ"	"Forsake All for Christ"	"Relocate as Christ Directs"	"Accept Any Job as Christ Leads"	"Reallocate My Resources"
Choose Christ above Everyone	Surrender to Christ Everything You Own	Move to Any New Location	Change to New Work Role	Refocus Talents, Time, Treasure

Part One

Stage #4 Servant Place Requires Following Christ to Any New Location

1 Servant Place was modeled in the life of _____

²⁸*"I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."* John 16:28; 17:5

¹⁹*Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."*

²⁰*And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* Matthew 8:19-20

2 Servant Place is tested when Christ instructs us to move temporarily or permanently to a different _____

²⁶*Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. ²⁷So he arose and went. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."* Acts 8:26-27a, 29

²*As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. ⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.* Acts 13:2-4

Difficulty of Relocation	Length of Relocation
<input type="checkbox"/> Same Home Nation but different location	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary: Less than 1 year
<input type="checkbox"/> Different Nation but same language and culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Permanent: 1-4 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Different Nation but new language and culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent: 5 or more years

3 Servant Place change is often unexpected, unwanted, controversial, and faith _____

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was **called to go out to the place** which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, **not knowing where he was going.** Hebrew 11:8

¹Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²**“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.”** ³**But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.** Jonah 1:1-3a

4 Servant Place change challenges our need for “Security” in order to free us to live as more unattached _____

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and **confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.** Hebrews 11:13

The Place Requirement	1. Unwilling to Move	2. Conditional Move	3. Unconditional Move
“I am fully committed to temporarily travel or permanently relocate to any place in the world at any time if Christ calls me.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I will not travel or move even if Christ calls me. I like where I live and am securely settled.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I may be willing to take a short mission trip but that’s it. But move to a different city or overseas? That’s too extreme for me.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I am ready to surrender and travel or move temporarily or permanently anywhere in the world at any time for Christ.”

Part Two

Stage #4 Servant Position Requires Following Christ to Accept Any New Job

1 Servant Position was modeled in the life of _____

⁵**Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,** ⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, **taking the form of a bondservant** (doulos “slave”), and coming in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:5-7

⁴⁵**“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served** (diakoneo aorist passive “to be ministered to”), **but to serve** (diakoneo aorist active “to minister”).” Mark 10:45a

¹⁴**“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.** ¹⁵**For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.”** John 13:14-15

2 Servant Position is tested when Christ reassigns us to work temporarily or permanently in a different _____

¹⁸And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** ²⁰**They immediately left their nets and followed Him.** Matthew 4:18-20

⁸**“Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts: “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.”’”** 2 Samuel 7:8

Type of Reassignment	Length of Reassignment	Pay Scale of Reassignment
<input type="checkbox"/> New Role, Same Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary: Less than 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> Far more pay
<input type="checkbox"/> New Role, Different Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Permanent: 1-4 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Far less pay
<input type="checkbox"/> New Role, Called into Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent: 5 or more years	<input type="checkbox"/> No pay, must raise funds

3 Servant Position change is often unforeseen, disruptive, overwhelming, and fear _____

¹⁰**“Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”** ¹¹But Moses said to God, **“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”** ¹⁰Then Moses said to the Lord, **“O my Lord, I am not eloquent.”** ¹³But he said, **“O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.”** Exodus 3:10-11; 4:10a,13

4 Servant Position change challenges our need for “Status” in order to free us to live as more productive _____

⁵And I said to the king, **“If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.”** ¹²I told no one **what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem.** Nehemiah 2:5, 12b

The Position Requirement	1. No New Position	2. Conditional New Position	3. Unconditional New Position
“I am fully committed to temporarily or permanently serve Christ in any new position, at any level, at any time, and for any amount of money.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I will not take a new position even if Christ calls me. I like where I work and don’t want to change.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I would probably take a new job if it pays a lot more money. But not just to serve Christ more, and certainly not if it pays far less.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I am desirous of maximizing my service for Christ. I am ready to surrender to Christ and take any new position, even if I have to raise my support.”

Part Three

Stage #4 Servant Priority Requires Following Christ to Refocus Any of Our Resources

1 Servant Priority was modeled in the life of _____

⁴⁴"I have glorified You on the earth. **I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.** ⁵And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." John 17:4-5

³⁸"For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.**" John 6:38

2 Servant Priority is tested when Christ leads us to reallocate partially or completely any of our time, treasure, or _____

³³"**But seek** (zeteo present active imperative "to endeavor, to strive for") **first** (protos "first in rank, chief, the superlative degree, surpassing, primary") **the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added** (prostithemi future passive "to add, increase") **to you.**"

Matthew 6:33

¹⁹"**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**"

Matthew 28:19-20

Priority of My Talent	Priority of My Time	Priority of My Treasure
<input type="checkbox"/> Use talents rarely for Christ	<input type="checkbox"/> Serve Christ 0 hours weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Give less than 05% of income
<input type="checkbox"/> Use talents for Christ if asked	<input type="checkbox"/> Serve Christ 1-5 hours weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Give 05%-10% of income
<input type="checkbox"/> Use my talents a lot for Christ	<input type="checkbox"/> Serve Christ 5+ hours weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Give more than 10% to Christ

3 Servant Priority change is often convicting, stressful, values clarifying, and lifestyle _____

⁸Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." ⁹And He said, "Go, and tell this people..." Isaiah 6:8-9

¹⁵"So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'" Acts 26:15-18

4 Servant Priority change challenges our need for "Self-indulgence" in order to free us to live as more sacrificial _____

¹⁷**Command** (paraggello present active imperative "order, announce a message to others") **those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.** ¹⁸**Let them do good** (agathoegeo present active), **that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹storing up** (apothesaurizo present active "to treasure away, to lay up in store, to put away in abundance for future use") **for themselves a good foundation** (themelios "supportive infrastructure") **for** (eis "to, into, the entrance into a place") **the time to come, that they may lay hold on** (epilambanomai aorist active subjunctive "to lay hold onto something intensely, take possession of, seize upon") **eternal life.** 1 Timothy 6:17-19

The Priority Requirement	1. Fixed Priorities	2. Flexible Priorities	3. Focused Priorities
"I constantly seek first to serve Christ and focus my time, talents, and treasure to serve Him more effectively and productively."	<input type="checkbox"/> "God's work is done by the ministers at our church. My priorities are to succeed in the marketplace—that's all."	<input type="checkbox"/> "My life is already too busy. I'm willing to serve a little here and there, but I like my lifestyle the way it is. Let's not go overboard."	<input type="checkbox"/> "I am ready to reevaluate my priorities in order to seek first the Kingdom of God. I plan on refocusing some of my time, talents, and treasure to serve Christ more fully."

Conclusion

Stage #4 Servant Place, Position, Priority Breakthrough: Surrender all Places, Positions, and Priorities to Christ

⁴⁰"**Everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.**" Luke 6:40b

Place, Position, Priority Requirement	1. Place Requirement	2. Position Requirement	3. Priority Requirement
"I am fully surrendered to Christ and am willing to change my place, position, and priorities to serve Him more productively."	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuck in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-open in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Fully willing in Place	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuck in Position <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-open in Position <input type="checkbox"/> Fully willing in Position	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuck in Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-open in Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Fully willing in Priority

⁵⁵"Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?" 1 Chronicles 29:5b

POST-SESSION 6 Servant Place, Position, Priority Interactive Questions

- 1. Review:** Describe Christ's three modeled requirements in your own words.
- 2. Respond:** Of the three modeled requirements of place, position, and priority, which proved to be the most difficult for you to handle and why?
- 3. Reflect:** Let's say that Christ asked you to make the most difficult change possible for you. Where would He ask you to move, what position would He request, and what would be the hardest priority change you would have to make?
- 4. Renew:** If Christ did ask all three of those changes, what would you do and why? How would you evaluate your decision when you faced Him?

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STAGE #5 SLAVE: BONDSERVANT

Introduction Stage #5 Slave is the Consecration Finish Line

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**? ²⁰**For you were bought at a price** (time “an amount paid for an object, service, or person”); **therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s**. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

²²For he who is called in the Lord while a **slave** (*doulos* “someone who is owned by another, one who gives himself up wholly to another’s will”) is the Lord’s freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is (present tense) **Christ’s slave** (*doulos*). ²³**You were bought** (*agorazo* aorist passive) **at a price** (time); **do not become** (*ginomai* present active imperative) **slaves** (*doulos*) of men. 1 Corinthians 7:22-23

Part One

Stage #5 Slave Occurs When the Disciple Spiritually Embraces and Purposefully Lives as Christ’s Slave

1 Slave is the literal translation of the Greek word *doulos* and does not mean _____

²²But now **having been set free** (*eleuthero* aorist passive) **from sin, and having become slaves** (*douloo* aorist passive “to make a slave of, to bring into bondage”) **of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life**. Romans 6:22

Special note: *Doulos* only can be translated “slave” never “servant.” At least nine other Greek words are translated or can mean “servant” including *diakonos* (standard word for “servant”) “one who executes the commands of another, a minister,” *pais* “a young servant or attendant,” *latris* “a hired menial,” *leitourgos* “one who performs public duties,” *misthios* and *misthotos* “a hired servant,” *oiketes* “a household servant,” *huperetes* “a subordinate official waiting on his superior” (originally an under-rower in a war-galley), and *therapon* “one whose service is that of freedom and dignity.”

A *doulos* is owned by another person, either by purchase, debt or birth. A vast difference exists between a slave and a servant. A servant is a free person who works because he is hired or works as a volunteer whereas a slave is a person who is owned by another and works whether they like it or not. A servant returns home at night as a free person, but a slave never stops being a slave and remains forever at the bidding of his owner.

STAGE #5 SLAVE: BONDSERVANT

⁷“And which of you, **having a servant** (*doulos*) plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’? ⁸But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and **serve** (*diakoneo* present active imperative “to attend to, to render desired service to another, to minister” from the root word *diakonos* “servant, minister.”) **me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’?** ⁹Does he thank that **servant** (*doulos*) because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. ¹⁰**So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable** (*achreios* “useless, good for nothing”—in context a humbling statement, “We have done nothing but our duty, my lord”) **servants** (*doulos*). **We have done what was our duty** (*opheilo* imperfect active “to be indebted, what is owed”) **to do.**”

Luke 17:7-10

⁵**Bondservants** (*doulos*), be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, **as to Christ**; ⁶not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but as **bondservants** (*doulos*) **of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷with goodwill doing **service** (*douleuo* “to do the work of a slave, work under bondage, obey as a slave”) **as to the Lord**, and not to men, ⁸knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a **slave** (*doulos*) or free. Ephesians 6:5-8

2 Slave was modeled by Jesus who came to earth as a _____

⁵**Let this mind be** (*phroneo* present passive imperative “to think, judge, understand”) **in you which was also in Christ Jesus**, ⁶who, being in the form (*morphe* “whole nature and essence”) of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but **made Himself of no reputation** (*kenoo* aorist active “to make empty, to abase, to make of no reputation”), **taking** (*lambano* aorist active “to take for one’s own”) **the form** (*morphe* “whole nature and essence”) **of a bondservant** (*doulos*), and coming in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:5-7

3 Slave became the disciples’ self-image and primary _____

¹James, a bondservant (*doulos*) of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. James 1:1a

¹Simon Peter, a bondservant (*doulos*) and apostle of Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:1a

¹Paul, a bondservant (*doulos*) of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle. Romans 1:1a

¹Paul and Timothy, bondservants (*doulos*) of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:1a

¹Paul, a bondservant (*doulos*) of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. Titus 1:1a

¹Jude, a bondservant (*doulos*) of Jesus Christ, and brother of James. Jude 1:1a

²⁹“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to **Your servants** (*doulos*) that with all boldness they may speak Your word.” Acts 4:29

Preparation Universal for All Believers		Transition Optional	Maturation Optional	
Stage #1	Stage #2	Stage #3	Stage #4	Stage #5
Salvation	Self	Sacrifice	Servant	
One Time	Extended Process	One Time	Extended Process	One Time
Whole	Parts	Whole	Parts	Whole
Born Again	Flesh and Spirit	Living Sacrifice	Mature Disciple	
Believe	Pass Tests	Surrender	5 Requirements	Lose Life
The Starting Point	The Wrestling Match	The Turning Point	The Productive Season	
Receive	Repent	Release	Re-prioritize	Relationship
The Cross	Wrestlers	White Flag	Basin and Towel	Mallet and Awl

Part Two

Stage #5 Slave Follows Jesus and Chooses to Serve Others with the Mindset of a Slave

⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves **your bondservants** (*doulos*) **for Jesus’ sake**. 2 Corinthians 4:5

¹⁹**For though I am free** (*eleutheros* “free from restraint or obligation, free from bondage or slavery”) **from all men, I have made myself a servant** (*doulouo* aorist active “to make a slave of, to bring into bondage”) **to all, that I might win the more**. 1 Corinthians 9:19

1 Slave realizes Jesus taught that the “great” among us live as our servants, but the “greatest” choose to live humbly as our _____

²⁶“Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires (*theolo* present active subjunctive) to become great among you, let him be your **servant** (*diakonos*). ²⁷**And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be** (*esto* present imperative) **your slave** (*doulos*)— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be **served** (*diakoneo*), but to **serve** (*diakoneo*), and to give His life (*psuche*) a ransom (*lutron*) for many.” Matthew 20:26-28

³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in **lowliness of mind let each esteem** (*hegeomai* present middle “to think, to consider”) **others better** (*huperecho* present active *huper* “above” and *echo* “to hold” meaning “to hold another person above yourself”) **than himself**. ⁴Let each of you look (present active imperative) **out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others**. ⁵**Let this mind** (*phroneo* present passive imperative “to have understanding, to cherish the same view”) **be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**.

Philippians 2:3-5

2 Slave lives to please Christ which often results in not pleasing _____

¹⁰For do I now persuade men, or God? **Or do I seek to please** (*aresko* present active “to be acceptable to, to seek acceptance, to accommodate oneself to the opinions and desires of others”)

men? **For if I still pleased** (*aresko* imperfect active) **men, I would not be a bondservant** (*doulos*) **of Christ.** Galatians 1:10

3 Slave works for Christ by serving others fervently and with great _____

¹²**Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant** (*doulos*) **of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently** (*agonizomai* present active literally “to compete in the public games” and generally means “to struggle with difficulties or adversaries, to endeavor with strenuous effort, to strain to attain the desired object”) **for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect** (*teleios* “finished, complete, wanting nothing”) **and complete** (*pleroo* perfect passive “to carry out to the full, to accomplish completely, to abound fully”) **in all the will of God.** ¹³**For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal** (*zelos* “fervor of spirit, ardor, excitement, intense emotion”) **for you.**

Colossians 4:12-13a

¹⁴**Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem** (*lutroo* aorist middle subjunctive) **us...His own special** (*periousios* “one’s own possession”) **people zealous** (*zelotes* “burning with desire, intensely eager”) **for good works.** Titus 2:14

Part Three Stage #5 Slave Lives Totally Abandoned to Christ and Experiences Everything He Promised

1 Slave serves Christ on earth just like all believers will in _____

³**And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants** (*doulos*) **shall serve** (*latreuo* future active “to render religious service, to perform sacred duties”) **Him.** Revelation 22:3

¹⁵**Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve** (*latreuo* present active “to render religious service or worship, to participate in the rites of worship”) **Him day and night in His temple.** ¹⁷**For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away** (*exaleipho* future active) **every tear from their eyes.** Revelation 7:15,17

2 Slave is a son and heir, and by obedience may become Christ's _____

¹⁴**You are My friends** (*phileo*) **if you do** (*poieo* present active subjunctive) **whatever I command** (*entello* present active “to order”) **you.** ¹⁵**No longer do I call you servants** (*doulos*), **for a servant** (*doulos*) **does not know what his master** (*kurios* “lord”) **is doing; but I have called you friends** (*philos*), **for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.** John 15:14-15

⁴**But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,** ⁵**to redeem** (*exagorazo* aorist active subjunctive “to pay the price, to buy for one’s self”) **those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.** ⁷**Therefore you are** (present) **no longer a slave** (*doulos*) **but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.** Galatians 4:4-5, 7

3 Slave abides with Christ, experiences the abundant life, and receives many amazing answers to _____

¹⁰**I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.** John 10:10b

⁷**If you abide** (*meno* aorist active subjunctive “to remain, continue, dwell with”) **in Me, and My words abide** (*meno* aorist subjunctive) **in you, you will ask** (*aiteo* future middle) **what you desire** (*theolo* present active subjunctive), **and it shall be done** (future active) **for you.** ¹¹**These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.** ²⁴**Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask** (*aiteo* present active imperative), **and you will receive** (*labano* future active), **that your joy may be** (present subjunctive) **full.** John 15:7, 11; 16:24

4 Slave experiences supernatural manifestations of Christ and the Godhead even comes to dwell with _____

²¹**He who has My commandments and keeps** (present active) **them, it is he who loves** (*agapao* present active) **Me. And he who loves** (*agapao* present active) **Me will be loved** (*agapao* future passive) **by My Father, and I will love** (*agapao* future active) **him and manifest** (*emphanizo* future active “to show oneself, to disclose”) **Myself to him.** ²³**If anyone loves** (*agapao* present active subjunctive) **Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love** (*agapao* future active) **him, and We will come** (future active) **to him and make** (*poieo* future active) **Our home** (*mone* “a place of abiding together, a residence, dwelling place” translated “mansion” in John 14:2) **with him.** John 14:21, 23b

5 Slave can participate in the optional Ceremony of the _____

¹²**If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.** ¹⁶**And if it happens that he says to you, ‘I will not go away from you,’ because he loves you and your house, since he prospers with you,** ¹⁷**then you shall take an awl and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise.** Deuteronomy 15:12, 16-17

⁵**But if the servant plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’** ⁶**then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the door post, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.** Exodus 21:5-6

Conclusion

Stage #5 Slave Bondservant Consecration Breakthrough: Participate in the Ancient Bondservant Ceremony

²⁰**I have been crucified** (*systauroo* perfect passive) **with Christ; it is no longer I who live** (present active), **but Christ lives** (present active) **in me; and the life which I now live** (present active) **in the flesh I live** (present active) **by faith in the Son of God, who loved** (*agapao* aorist active) **me and gave** (aorist active) **Himself for me.** Galatians 2:20

Bondservant Breakthrough	1. Reject Bondservant	2. Almost Bondservant	3. Ready Bondservant
“I fully embrace that I have been purchased by Christ and have volunteered to be His loyal Bondservant forever.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I don’t like or accept the idea that I am a slave of Christ or anyone else either. I am free and independent and rule my life as I wish.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I know that Christ purchased me and I serve Him sometimes, but I’m just not ready to surrender as His Bondservant.”	<input type="checkbox"/> “I have fully embraced that I am Christ’s purchased possession and am finally ready to participate in the Ceremony of the Bondservant.”

⁵**Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?** 1 Chronicles 29:5b

POST-SESSION 7 Slave Bondservant Interactive Questions

- 1. Review:** From our Bible study, contrast the difference between a “servant” and a “slave.” Why is it easier for us to think of ourselves as a “servant of Christ” rather than a “slave of Christ”?
- 2. Respond:** As our life in heaven will be centered around worshipping and serving Christ all the time and in every way, why do we hesitate to be His bondservant now?
- 3. Reflect:** How hard do you think it was for Jesus to leave His place in heaven and come to earth—as a slave? Why do you think He came as a doulos?
- 4. Renew:** If you were to pursue life as a bondservant of Jesus, what are the practical changes you would have to make in your life?

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STAGE #5
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Introduction

Stage #5 Slave Means You are Perfectly Trained to Be Like Jesus in All Areas of Your Life

⁴⁰“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is **perfectly trained** (*katartizo* perfect passive “thoroughly equipped, completely prepared”) **will be like** (*os* “exactly like, the same as”) **his teacher.**” Luke 6:40

¹⁷**That we may have** (present active subjunctive) **boldness** (*parresia* “confidence, cheerful courage”) **in the day of judgment; because as He is** (present), **so are** (present) **we in this world** (*kosmos*). 1 John 4:17b

Part One

Stage #5 Slave “Denies Himself” so Completely that He “Loses His Life” to Seek and Serve Christ

1 Slave requires the disciple to deny himself and take up His _____

²⁷“**And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.**” Luke 14:27

³⁴When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “**Whoever desires** (*thelo* present active “to will or choose”) **to come** (*aoist* active) **after Me, let him deny** (*apameomai* aorist active imperative “to deny utterly, affirm strongly no connection to, forsake, renounce”) **himself, and take up** (*aoist* imperative) **his cross, and follow** (present active imperative) **Me.**” Mark 8:34

2 Slave suffers the loss of all people, possessions, places, positions, and priorities in order to know Christ ever more _____

⁷**But what things were gain** (*kerdos* “valuable”) **to me, these I have counted** (*hegeomai* perfect middle “to reckon, consider, think, esteem”) **loss** (*zemia* “loss, casting away as without value”) **for Christ.** ⁸**Yet indeed I also count** (*hegeomai* present middle) **all things loss** (*zemia*) **for the excellence** (*hyperecho* present active “to hold above”, “superior, supreme, surpassing”) **of the knowledge** (*gnosis* “a seeking to know, an enquiry”) **of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss** (*zemioo* aorist passive “to forfeit, experience the loss of”) **of all things, and count** (*hegeomai* present middle) **them as rubbish, that I may gain** (*kerdaino* aorist active subjunctive “to acquire, to profit by adding, to exchange for something better”) **Christ;** ¹⁰**that I may know** (*ginosko* aorist active “to perceive, to understand completely”) **Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed** (*symmorphizo* present passive “to make of like form to another”) **to His death.** Philippians 3:7-8, 10

3 Slave who “loses his life” by serving Christ and the Gospel will “save his _____”

³⁵“**For whoever desires** (*thelo* present active subjunctive “to will, to intend, to purpose”) **to save** (*soso* aorist active “to keep sound and safe, to rescue from danger or destruction”) **his life** (*psuche*

“soul, the individual life, the immaterial invisible part of man”) **will lose** (*apollumi* future active “to destroy, render useless, to ruin”) **it, but whoever loses** (*apollumi* aorist active subjunctive) **his life** (*psuche* “soul”) **for My sake and the gospel’s will save** (*sozo* future active) **it.**” Mark 8:35

Option	Two Choices in the Present	Two Consequences in the Future
Option #1	You Choose to “ Lose Your Life ” Now By Serving Christ and the Gospel	You Will “ Save Your Life ” Later Because You Served Christ
Option #2	You Choose to “ Save Your Life ” Now By Serving Yourself and Your Agenda	You will “ Lose Your Life ” Later Because You Wasted Your Life

4 Slave realizes even massive wealth cannot remedy the future

tragedy of “losing one’s _____”

³⁶“**For what will it profit** (*opheleo* future active “to be of advantage or personal benefit”) **a man if he gains** (*kerdaino* aorist active subjunctive “acquire, to win, to get an advantage”) **the whole world** (*kosmos*), **and loses** (*zemioo* aorist passive subjunctive “to sustain damage, suffer loss, receive injury”) **his own soul** (*psuche*)? ³⁷**Or what will a man give** (*didomi* future active) **in exchange for** (*antallagma* “the price to pay to exchange”) **his soul** (*psuche*)?” Mark 8:36-37

5 Slave is warned that being ashamed of Christ and His radical teaching on “losing your life” will have terrible consequences at Christ’s _____

³⁸“**For** (*gar* “therefore, to assign a reason for”) **whoever is ashamed** (*epaischynomai* aorist passive subjunctive “to feel intense shame, to have a feeling of fear or shame which prevents a person from doing something”) **of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed** (*epaischynomai* future passive) **when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.**” Mark 8:38

Part Two

Stage #5 Slave Knows “Losing” or “Saving” His Life Will Have Dramatically Different Eternal Consequences

1 Slave realizes “losing your life” for Christ means “hating your life” in this age for which God the Father will bestow priceless _____

²⁴“**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces** (*phero* present active) **much grain.** ²⁵**He who loves** (*phileo* present active “tender affection, to be fond of, to be friends with, to delight in”) **his life** (*psuche* “soul”) **will lose** (*apollumi* future active) **it, and he who hates** (*miseo* present active) **his life** (*psuche* “soul”) **in this world** (*kosmos* “the current order or situation of life on earth including earthly goods, pleasures, and advantages”) **will keep** (*phulasso* future active “to keep under guard, preserve, keep safe”) **it for** (*eis* “unto, even until, to enter into a time period”) **eternal** (*aionios* “eternal, everlasting, forever”) **life** (*zoe* “the life of a person, the fullness of life”). ²⁶**If anyone serves** (*diakoneo* present active subjunctive) **Me, My Father will honor** (*timao* future active “granting of distinction, esteem, fame, praise and glory”) **him.**” John 12:24-25, 26b

Option	Two Choices in the Present	Two Consequences in the Future
Option #1	You “ Hate Your Life in this World ”	You Will “ Keep Your Life for Eternal Life ”
Option #2	You “ Love Your Life ” in the Present	You will “ Lose Your Life ” in the Future

2 Slave heeds Christ’s severe warning that not “losing our life” will result in our life’s future _____

²⁵“**For whoever desires** (*thelo* present active) **to save** (*sozo* aorist active “to deliver from danger or suffering, to rescue from possible threat”) **his life** (*psuche* “soul”) **will lose** (*apollumi* future active “to destroy, render useless, to ruin”) **it, but whoever loses** (*apollumi* aorist active subjunctive) **his life** (*psuche* “soul”) **for My sake** (*heneka* “for the benefit, for this cause”) **will find** (*heurisko* future active “to see, discover, find”) **it.**” Matthew 16:25

²²“**And no one puts new wine into old wine skins; or else the new wine bursts the wine skins, the wine is spilled, and the wine skins are ruined** (*apollumi*).” Mark 2:22a

²⁷“**Do not labor for the food which perishes** (*apollumi*).” John 6:27a

3 Slave heeds Christ’s severe warning that not “losing our life” will result in our soul sustaining future damage and painful _____

²⁶“**For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses** (*zemioo* aorist passive subjunctive “to sustain damage, suffer loss, receive injury”) **his own soul** (*psuche* “life”) **? Or what will a man give** (future active) **in exchange for his soul** (*psuche* “life”)?” Matthew 16:26

¹⁰“**Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss** (*zemia*).” Acts 27:10b

⁸Yet indeed I also **count all things loss** (*zemia*) **for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss** (*zemioo* aorist passive) **of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.** Philippians 3:8

4 Slave keeps in mind that rewards for working for Christ will be distributed primarily when Christ returns and not during our _____

²⁷“**For the Son of Man will come** (*mello erchomai* present active “is going to come”) **in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward** (*apodidomai* future active “to give back fully, to repay completely”) **each according to** (*kata* “in accordance to, in proportion to”) **his works.**” Matthew 16:27

¹²“**And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward** (*misthos* “wages paid for work, paycheck”) **is with Me, to give** (*apodidomi* aorist active “to pay what is due, to give back, to pay off, restore”) **to every one according to his work.**” Revelation 22:12

5 Slave lives for the “Finish Line” when fire will test our works to determine if we receive eternal rewards or suffer painful and serious _____

¹³**Each one’s work will become** (future active) **clear** (*phaneros* “made manifest, made known openly, evident”); **for the Day will declare** (*deloo* future active “to make plain, to state openly, to make understood by others”) **it, because it will be revealed** (*apokalupto* present passive “to

uncover what is hidden, to lay open what has been veiled, to disclose") **by fire** (literally "because in fire it is revealed"); **and the fire will test** (*dokimazo* future active "to test or prove with a view of approval") **each one's work, of what sort** (*hopoios* "what manner or quality") **it is**. ¹⁴**If anyone's work which he has built on it endures** (*meno* present active "remains, abides, continues"), **he will receive** (*lambano* future active "to take lay hold of") **a reward** (*misthos* "paycheck, compensation for work"). ¹⁵**If anyone's work is burned** (*katakaio* future passive "to consume by fire completely"), **he will suffer loss** (*zemioo* future passive "to suffer damage, to suffer loss, to receive injury, to forfeit"); **but he himself will be saved** (*sozo* future passive "to deliver, to rescue"), **yet so as through** ("however as through") **fire**. 1 Corinthians 3:13-15

Part Three

Stage #5 Slave Purposefully "Loses Their Life" for Christ to Maximize Their Rewards at the Finish Line

1 Slave submits to the Biblical command to "run" with great effort for the specific reason of obtaining _____

²⁴**Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize** (*brabeion* "an award earned by the victor in the athletic games")? **Run** (*trecho* present active imperative "to move forward in haste, to strive hard, to spend one's strength to attain something desired") **in such a way that you** (plural) **may obtain it** (*katalambano* aorist active subjunctive "to lay hold of so as to possess as one's own, to seize"). 1 Corinthians 9:24

2 Slave exercises self-discipline in working hard for Christ to earn the precious _____

²⁵**And everyone who competes** (*agonizomai* present active "to strive, straining every muscle to acquire the object, to endeavor with strenuous zeal") **for the prize** (*brabeion* "an award to the victor in the games") **is temperate** (*egkrateuomai* present active "to exercise self-control, self-discipline") **in all things. Now they do it to obtain** (*lambano* aorist active subjunctive "to lay hold of so as to possess as one's own, to take with the hand in order to use") **a perishable crown** (*stephanos* "the wreath given as the prize to the victors in athletic games") **but we for an imperishable** (*aphthartos* "not liable to corruption or decay, immortal") **crown**. ²⁶**Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air**. 1 Corinthians 9:25-26

3 Slave continues serving Christ faithfully in order to receive his full reward and not lose any due to being _____

⁸**Look** (present imperative) **to yourselves, that we do not lose** (*apolumi* aorist active subjunctive "to destroy, render useless, to ruin") **those things we worked for** (*ergazomai* aorist active "labor, effort, perform"), **but that we may receive** (*apolambanno* aorist active subjunctive "to receive from another, to receive back") **a full** (*pleres* "condition of being completely filled, complete, abounding") **reward** (*misthos* "earned compensation for work expended"). 2 John 1:8

¹¹**"Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast** (*krateo* present active imperative "continue to hold fast to, do not let go") **what you have** (present active "hold, possess"), **that no one may take** (*lambano* aorist active subjunctive) **your crown** (*stephanos*).¹¹ Revelation 3:11

²⁷**But I discipline** (*hupopiazō* present active "buffet oneself") **my body and bring it into subjection** (*doulagōgeō* present active "to bring into bondage, to treat as a slave with stern and rigid discipline"), **lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become** (aorist subjunctive) **disqualified** (*adokimos* "not approved, failing the test, rejected by the judges"). 1 Corinthians 9:27

4 Slave forgets the failures of the past in order to focus fully on earning rewards in the present for his future eternal _____

¹³**But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind** (*opiso* "back, before, past") **and reaching forward to those things which are ahead** (*emprosthen* "in front of a person, that which lies before"), ¹⁴**I press** (*dioko* present active "to run swiftly to catch, to seek after earnestly") **toward the goal** (*skopos* "a mark on which to fix the eye, to take aim at, in a race the finish line") **for the prize** (*brabeion* "the award earned by the victor in the games, an earned prize") **of the upward** (*ano* "above, up, heavenly") **call** (*kleseos* "invitation, calling") **of God in Christ Jesus**. Philippians 3:13b-14

5 Slave anticipates that many believers will initially reject "working for rewards" as an improper motive as it's only embraced by the spiritually _____

¹⁵**Therefore let us, as many as are mature** (*teleioo* "fully complete, perfect, finished"), **have this mind** (*phroneo* present active subjunctive "careful and sober thinking, set the mind on"); **and if in anything you think** (*phroneo* present active) **otherwise, God will reveal** (*apokalypso* future active "to uncover, to unveil, to make known") **even this to you**. ¹⁶**Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained** (*phthano* aorist active "reach the conclusion, arrive at, as anticipated"), **let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind** (*phroneo* present active). Philippians 3:15-16

Conclusion

Stage #5 Slave Finish Line Consecration Breakthrough: Run to Maximize Your Valuable Eternal Rewards

⁶**For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up** (*apokeimai* present active "to put away, to appoint for") **for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing**. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

The Rewards Breakthrough	1. Reject Eternal Rewards	2. Unmotivated by Rewards	3. Motivated by Rewards
"I am Christ's Bondservant and work hard at serving Him with my time, talents, and treasure to maximize my eternal rewards."	<input type="checkbox"/> "I reject the idea of serving Christ for eternal rewards because it's selfish. Besides, I want my rewards to benefit me now, not in the next age."	<input type="checkbox"/> "I'm not comfortable with the Biblical command to "run" to earn rewards. I serve Christ because I love Him. Anyway, heaven will be great without rewards."	<input type="checkbox"/> "I believe the strong warnings of Jesus and am ready to discipline my life to work hard to earn the maximum rewards at the Finish Line."

⁵**"Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?"** 1 Chronicles 29:5b

POST-SESSION 8 Slave Finish Line Interactive Questions

- 1. Review:** This was the most advanced session in the entire course on Consecration. What did Christ mean by “losing your life” in order to “save your life”?
- 2. Respond:** Did you find yourself thinking more seriously about “losing your life” in order to serve Christ? How did you feel as you learned about the day when our works would be tested by fire?
- 3. Reflect:** Most believers are uncertain if we should work for Christ, not only because we love Him but also in order to earn rewards from Him. What are your thoughts after studying the New Testament?
- 4. Renew:** Christ was gracious to reveal how our life on earth affects our life after death. He desires for each of us to have an “abundant entrance” into the next age. What could you do to earn far more rewards?

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