

CONSECRATION

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INTRO: NEH. 9:15-21, 29-31 NIV

Throughout the Bible, we find the word consecrated. **JOSH 3:5 NIV** It means full devotion, to be set apart, or sold out to God. It means living a life surrendered to God, to His will, to His plan and to His purposes.

The Old Testament

- Joshua told the people to consecrate themselves so God could do wonders among them.
- **LEV. 20:1-8** God instructed the people to consecrate themselves and be holy. Idolatry and the destruction of human life are prohibited.

The New Testament

- **2 TIM. 2:20-21 HCSB** We are not to defile ourselves with worldly influences, just as Daniel separated himself from Babylonian culture.
- **2 COR. 6:17-18 HCSB** Our standards are to be different from the world's.

Challenges to Consecration

- The pull of the world, **1 JOHN 2:15-17**.
- Fear of Commitment, **LUKE 9:21-23**.

Steps to Consecration

- **ROM. 12:1** - Offer our body wholly to God.
- **ROM. 12:2** - Renew our mind and align our thinking with God's.
- **DEUT. 28:1-2** - Commit to obedience.
- **1 JOHN 1:9** - Repent when necessary.

Benefits

- **EX. 29:42-25** - God's presence.
- **PS. 91:1** - God's protection.
- **ACTS 19:13-16** – Opens doors to spiritual authority.
- **ISAIAH 6: 6-8** - Positions us for divine assignments.

CONCLUSION: By consecrating ourselves to God, we position ourselves for God's presence to manifest among us and to be used by Him to change our world for Jesus.