



TOTAL CONSECRATION TO REACH EVERY NATION

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Perhaps you would agree with me that there seems to be much more “craziness” in the world today than what there used to be. Particularly in the United States of America, we are facing issues that we have not faced before. If I had been asked years ago if we would be dealing with some of the ungodly things we are dealing with today, I would have said, “Not in America!” Now, we are seeing evil not only *presented* but also *promoted* as “normal.”

In reality, the world, the flesh, and the devil are just as evil today as they have always been. We are just seeing it manifested in a more public way. There has not been a change in Satan’s plan for this world. His desire is for every person to be in spiritual blindness and for every one of his followers to be a servant of unrighteousness.

So also, there has not been a change in God’s plan for the world. His desire is for every person to receive the Light of the World and for every one of His followers to be a servant of righteousness. As servants of Jesus Christ, we have some major responsibilities to fulfill if we are going to accomplish God’s plan. Considering the present manifestation of evil and satanic opposition, how can we effectively obey the Great Commission? Is there some new and exciting tactic we need to implement? Although we always need to be looking for creative ways to win people to Christ, one thing has never changed: *total consecration* is absolutely necessary *to reach every nation*.

Total consecration is the key to effectively fulfilling God’s will for this world. The word *consecrate* means “to induct (a person) into a permanent office with a religious rite . . . to make or declare sacred . . . to devote irrevocably to the worship of God . . . to devote to a purpose with or as if with deep solemnity or dedication . . . to make inviolable or venerable.”¹ To put this definition in my own words, I would say it this way: “God has given us a permanent position through salvation . . . by declaring us righteous and setting us apart . . . that we might be completely devoted to the purpose of fulfilling His will with serious dedication . . . for an entire lifetime of worshipping God as His devoted and loving disciple.” Other




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aspects of consecration could be described by words like the ones used in the acrostic below.

The Apostle Paul serves as an amazing example of a missionary who was totally consecrated to the task of worldwide evangelization. When Paul was called by God to be His servant, Paul completely consecrated himself to fulfill that role. As a result, Paul was used to change his entire world. Because of his history of vehemently persecuting Christians, it seems that Paul would be among those least likely to be chosen as a missionary. Nonetheless, the Lord was able to use Paul tremendously because he had completely consecrated himself to do the will of God. This brings up the following question: If one consecrated man could reach his world, what would happen if multitudes of Christians would consecrate themselves to reach our world? I believe the answer to this question is self-evident.

So why is total consecration so imperative? It is because we have been commanded to reach every nation. God did not say we were to reach as many nations as we think possible. His expectation has never been for us to reach a certain percentage of the nations. Jesus commanded us to go *into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature* (Mark 16:15).² This is something only God can do. Nonetheless, He has chosen to do this work through servants who have totally consecrated themselves to doing His will. Romans 12:1 reminds us that God wants each of us to be a *living sacrifice*. To truly be a living sacrifice, we cannot be fully-surrendered and self-centered at the same time—it is an all-or-nothing proposition. So, if we are going to reach every nation *for* God, there must be total consecration *to* God.

With evil becoming more public and more rampant, the need for laborers who have given themselves completely to the Lord becomes more urgent. However, the evil of this world seems to have affected the willingness of Christians to completely consecrate themselves to the Great Commission. It is interesting to realize that while the evil in our world today demands total consecration to reach every nation, the same evil hinders us from being completely consecrated. May God help each of us to be committed to *Total Consecration To Reach Every Nation*—*despite* our evil world and *because* of it! 

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Trusting
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¹ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/consecrate>

² Emphasis added