

Surrender

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I. Introduction.

- A. Surrender is the key to usefulness in the Christian life.
- B. God can do more with a person 100% yielded than a person who is 90% yielded.

II. The problem.

- A. The central problem to the human race is self-centeredness.
 - 1. It started with Satan. (Isaiah 14)
 - 2. Like Satan, we attain to be little gods as well.
 - 3. This is taking upon us responsibilities that God never intended.
- B. If self-centeredness is the great problem, surrender is the great solution. (James 4:7)
- C. This is a matter of grace. (Hebrews 12)
 - 1. Grace is letting God be God.
 - 2. Faith takes what grace offers.
 - 3. God wants to do something for us and this requires our surrender.
- D. We take upon ourselves responsibilities that God did not intend.

III. The solution: surrender.

- A. Surrender is a big yes followed by smaller yeses.
 - 1. The big choice is deciding to follow Jesus. (Luke 9:23)
 - 2. We also must surrender daily. (Romans 12:1-2)
- B. The speaker's big surrender was when he received Jesus Christ into his life.
- C. Some of the speaker's smaller surrenders included a surrender to the faculty about not getting married at a certain time. God worked it out for him.
- D. At times it is a great struggle to surrender, but in hindsight one can see the adventure.
- E. There is a God in heaven—He is the one who meets our needs.

1. Sometimes God calls us to special sacrifice, but He alone will take care of what we sacrifice. (Isaiah 45)
2. God does not intend for us to keep works together. God holds things together.
3. We are to count it joy when we encounter tests because we know they will produce stable Christian character. (James 1:2-4)

Application questions.

1. How is the problem of sin addressed in surrender?

2. How does God reassure us in regards to the risk of surrender?

3. What is the attitude we are to adopt in regards to surrender? In what ways have you adopted this attitude?
