

**LIVING A LIFE OF DEDICATION TO GOD ALMIGHTY**  
**2 PETER 3:10-13**

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Beloved, it's a thing of joy reaching you this day with this message. This message is titled, **“Living a life of dedication to God Almighty.”** Until a man starts living a life of dedication to God Almighty, success is not in view.

First, what is dedication?

To live a life of dedication to God Almighty is to live a life of holiness and devotion to God. It means having unalloyed love and affection for God. A life that is dedicated to God is a life of complete faithfulness and loyalty to God.

The importance of living a life of dedication to God cannot be overemphasized. Without a life of dedication, one cannot go to heaven; it is what you need to escape hellfire. On earth, you need a life of dedication to God to receive His blessings and become successful in all areas of your life.

Let's consider the text of the message: 2 Peter 3:10-11.

**But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heaven will disappear with a shrill noise, the heavenly bodies will burn up and be destroyed, and the earth with everything in it will vanish. Since all these things will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people should you be? Your lives should be holy and dedicated to God...**

From the above scripture, it's clear that anyone whose life is not holy and dedicated to God will be a victim on the day Jesus will come to take His people to heaven. Such a person will not be raptured. On the day of our Lord Jesus, those who nailed him to the cross will see him in the sky, in great glory, and they will begin to lament. They will lament simply because they will not be raptured.

After you have known or received the true teaching of Christ, you must stop sinning and dedicate your life to God Almighty. Those who are still involve in sin after receiving God's teachings or knowing the truth are like those who nailed Christ to the cross, and on the day of rapture, they will lament because they will not go to heaven.

### **It will be too late**

The time is far spent. Any man who is still living in sin – sexual immorality, stealing, cheating, unforgiveness, hatred, abortion and other sins - is not living a dedicated life to God. Soon, Christ will come and such persons will cry when they shall see the Son of God, Jesus Christ in the sky coming with great glory and splendour. On that day, when they will remember what they had done – how they fornicated, lied, stole, and did all manners of evil things, they shall cry because it will be too late. So don't take the risk of falling a victim; your decision to change your evil ways will no more be accepted. But you have the time to repent now and live a life of dedication to God Almighty. This is the right time to accept the kingdom of God for yourself. Why not do so today?

### **Take a personal decision**

The reason many cannot help living in sin instead of a life of dedication to God Almighty is because they have not really made up their minds to do so. There are people who take new resolutions, especially at the beginning of a new year; but just few days into the year, they forgot the decisions they took. There is a point you get to in your relationship with God, where you take a type of decision I describe as a **personal rugged decision**. When it comes to personal rugged decision, you don't change your mind about it. A personal rugged decision is a type of decision you take and stand by it no matter the condition or temptation to fall. A personal rugged decision says, 'NEVER; I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE! Fornicate again? God forbid! Steal again? God forbid! Commit abortion again? God forbid! And so on and so forth. Are you living a life of dedication to God Almighty? You know yourself; if you've not given your life in full to the LORD, now is the right time to take a personal rugged decision to fully dedicate your life to God Almighty.

Without mincing words, it's when you have taken a personal rugged decision of never to continue in sin, that you have started the race of a dedicated life to God.

## **Advice To Parents**

Jesus Christ dedicated his life to the Father, God Almighty. According to him, He did this so that we his children could be truly dedicated to God the Father (John 17:19). Living a life of dedication to God Almighty is a necessity for raising godly children. For a child to live a dedicated life to God, the life of the parents must first be dedicated to God Almighty.

You're the first teacher of your children. They look at you to live their lives. What they see you do, is what they do. Come to think of it! Can a father or mother be drinking alcohol, watching pornography, lying, cheating others, and expect his/her children not to do the same thing? No. Train your children in the way you want them to go and when they grow up, they will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6). And how do you train your child in the way of the Lord? By living a life of dedication to God Almighty.

## **Advice To Couples**

Building a godly marriage requires couples to live a life of dedication to God Almighty. See the scripture below:

**Prov. 5:15-23, GNB: Be faithful to your own wife and give your love to her alone. Children that you have by other women will do you no good. Your children should grow up to help you, not strangers. So be happy with your wife and find your joy with the woman you married – pretty and graceful as a deer. Let her charms keep you happy; let her surround you with her love. Why should you give your love to another woman, my son? Why should you prefer the charms of another man's wife? The LORD sees everything you do. Wherever you go, he is watching. The sins of the wicked are a trap. They get caught in the net of their own sin. They die because they have no self-control. Their utter stupidity will send them to their graves.**

Preserve your marriage, especially your life by being faithful to God and your life partner. You should know that as far as you are concerned, your partner is the most beautiful/handsome woman/man in the whole world. Speak good of your spouse outside, especially before your friends. No other person should call you 'MY LOVE' or any other romantic names except the woman/man you're married to.

To conclude, living a life of dedication to God Almighty is a paramount prerequisite for enjoying the blessings of God on earth, and most importantly, for entering the Kingdom of God. If indeed you want to excel in life and have eternal happiness in God's kingdom, then be a faithful, devoted, loyal and dedicated child of God Almighty.

I pray for you; may God plant these words in your heart and cause them to bear good fruits in Jesus' name. Amen!