

*Morning Sermon Outline May 24, 2015*  
*"Take My Life, and Let It Be" Romans 1:1 & 6:19*

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Romans 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God (Romans 1:1 NKJ)**

<sup>19</sup> **I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. (Romans 6:19 NKJ)**

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always only for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose,  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine:  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store:  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

*I. The weakness of your (our) flesh –*

<sup>19</sup> **I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh**

<sup>41</sup> **"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41 NKJ)**

*It is the weakness of our flesh which necessitates turning this song into a prayer! The kind of consecration sung about in this song does not come naturally to us.*

1. *This dedication, consecration sung about in this song is impossible without the New Birth –*

A. *Without the New Birth, we cannot see the Kingdom of God –*  
<sup>3</sup> **Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3 NKJ)**  
*Not SEEING God's Kingdom means there will be no relish for it, no great desire for it, no motivation to give your entire life, days and hours, hands and feet, voice and money, etc... etc... to the cause of Christ and His Kingdom –*

*Christ commands us –*

<sup>33</sup> **"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33 NKJ)**

*Yet, we will not be seeking it if it is not before our eyes, visible –*

<sup>22</sup> **"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. (Matthew 6:22-24 NKJ)**

B. *Without the New Birth we won't enter God's Kingdom –*

<sup>5</sup> **Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (John 3:5 NKJ)**

2. *Yet, even after the New Birth, the flesh struggles with consecration and commitment – We need God's empowering, anything good in us depends upon Christ –*

<sup>5</sup> **"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 NKJ)**

*And God's Spirit – <sup>63</sup> "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. (John 6:63 NKJ)*

<sup>16</sup> **I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (Galatians 5:16-17 NKJ)**

II. *Consecration is deliberate and drastic—*

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

“Separated unto the gospel of God” *Cut off from other potentially competing things -*

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All bonds of interest and attachment alien or extraneous to the promotion of the gospel have been cut asunder and he is set apart by the investment of all his interests and ambitions in the cause of the gospel.

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III. *Consecration must be constant –*

Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

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<sup>17</sup> **pray without ceasing, (1Thessalonians 5:17 NKJ)**

IV. *Consecration includes our physical body parts –*

<sup>20</sup> **For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (1Corinthians 6:20 NKJ)**

1. *Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;*

<sup>10</sup> **Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; (Ecclesiastes 9:10 NKJ)**

2. *Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee –*

<sup>7</sup> **How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7 NKJ)**

<sup>31</sup> **But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31 NKJ)**

3. *Take my voice and let me sing Always only for my King;*

*Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee,*

*Filled with messages from Thee.*

<sup>3</sup> **He has put a new song in my mouth-- Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD. (Psalm 40:3 NKJ)**

V. *Consecration includes our possessions –*

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold:

<sup>8</sup> **Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; (Luke 19:8-9 NKJ)**

VI. *Consecration includes our intellect, our mind, our thoughts –*

*Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose,*

*Every power as Thou shalt choose.*

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Romans 12:1 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. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:1-2 NKJ)**

VII. *Consecration includes the more spiritual and moral aspects of our being –*

*Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine:*

*Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne,*

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*Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store:*

*Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,*

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<sup>5</sup> **"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5 NKJ)**

1. *The heart is the throne of whom ever or whatever sits and reigns there, it can be a spouse, a child or children, a sports team, an activity, or God!*

2. *Love is what we own to God and Christ, because He has loved us –*

<sup>22</sup> **If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! (1Corinthians 16:22 NKJ)**

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