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What is the Purpose of Surrender?

Believe it or not, the next five to ten years will be among the most important years of your life. During these years you will decide where (or if) you will go to college, what your career will be, where you will live, and who (or if) you should marry. And yet even with these important decisions on the horizon, American teens are decidedly not sold out for Christ.

- Only 26% of Christian teens indicate that they learn anything from the Bible at their churches.
- Just 17% of Christian teens say that their church even bases its' teachings on the Bible.
- Sadly, barely 15% of teens say that they learn important lifestyle lessons at church.
- Stuningly, one in five Christian teens (21%) indicate that they learn absolutely nothing at all in church.

During the most important time in the lives of teenagers, the church is missing the boat. Total surrender to Christ is not expected, the Bible is hardly taught, and nominal Christianity is the norm.

Yet, the reality of the way of Jesus teaches us that surrendered Christianity is the only true form of Christianity.

SURRENDER: THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

There are at least two key truths we must understand.

Acknowledgment #1: Surrender requires extreme dedication (Matt. 16:24)

True surrender is completely and absolutely radical.

Acknowledgment #2: Surrender means coming to Jesus as you are (Matt. 11:28).

Real surrender involves getting real with God. Don't get rid of your sin before you come to Jesus. Come to Jesus, and let Him get rid of your sin!

SURRENDER: THE PURPOSES

Now that we've understood a few key truths behind surrender, what is the purpose of surrender?

Purpose #1: Surrender allows you to submit to Christ's authority (Matt. 28:16-20).

The Christian life is a life of daily dedication and submission to the authority of Christ.

Purpose #2: Surrender eradicates the old man (Col. 3:5-11).

Once you grasp the realization that your life is hid with Christ in God, you will find it much easier to turn away from your old man desires.

Purpose #3: Surrender allows you to live as Jesus intended (John 10:10)

There are not two categories of Christians. There is one category. True Christians live the abundant life that Jesus offered by completely surrendering to Him.

