



A ROMANS 12 GUIDE FOR COACHES TO LIVE AS AUTHENTIC DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

SESSION 2

how to give God what He wants the most

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Romans 12:1 (NIV)

If you could sit down with God and ask Him the question, 'What do you want from me?' what do you think He would say? If we could really know what God expects from us, maybe we could live with greater purpose and priority. Would He talk about keeping rules, following rituals, or practicing religion? We might be surprised at His answer.



TAKE IT IN (WATCH THE VIDEO)

A breakthrough question...

“God, if You do exist, what do You want from me?”

Case Study #1: John’s Civil War Coins

Case Study #2: Sheila’s Picasso

For this to be a good decision:

Their discovery would have to be _____.

They would need _____ others didn’t have.

They would need _____ to risk making the decision.

Case Study #3: Ancient Treasure

*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.” **Matthew 13:44-46 (NASB)***

Thesis = _____ is the channel through which God’s best and biggest blessings flow.

THE NATURE OF SURRENDER IS 'ALL OR NOTHING'

Definition: "Total commitment is the alignment of one's motives, resources, priorities, and goals to fulfill a specific mission, accomplish a specific task, or follow a specific person"
 – Webster's Dictionary

NEGATIVE	VS.	POSITIVE
Sacrifice		Joyful Wise
Self-denial		Logical
Noble, More Spiritual, Martyr		True Shrewd
Renunciation		Re-evaluation

The Problem = Lack of _____

The Answer = Romans 12:1

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The Command = "_____ your bodies"

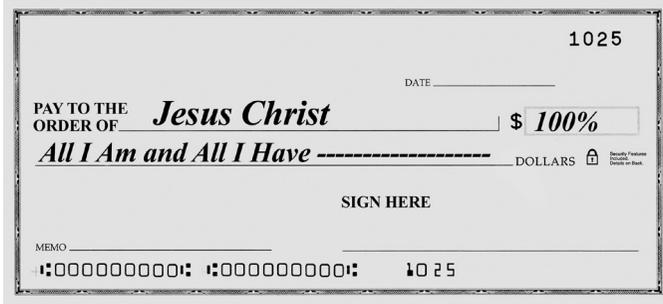
This is not about salvation. This is about surrender (Lordship).

The Motivation = "the _____ of God"

The Reason = "spiritual act of _____"

GOD'S POWER DOESN'T KICK IN UNTIL LORDSHIP KICKS IN

What Does God Want Most? He wants _____ !



For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11 (NKJV)

The Surrender Question = Are you all in?

 **TALK IT OVER**

1. What is your biggest barrier to complete surrender? Is there anything that keeps you from putting your coaching in the center and saying, "I'm all in"? Or for those of you who are all in, what was the number one fear that kept you from surrendering to Christ?
2. We can look at *surrender* through either a positive or negative lens. Which lens do you tend to look through? How does your view of God square with the following quote from A.W. Tozer: *"The whole outlook of mankind might be changed if we could all believe that we dwell under a friendly sky and that the God of heaven, though exalted in power and majesty, is eager to be friends with us."*
3. Chip said, "total commitment is the channel through which God's best and biggest blessings flow"... what are some ways in which you have experienced this to be true in your life?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. If you were to really be all in, how would your life be different this next month? How would your coaching be different?
5. Who is the most committed Christian coach you know?
6. What is it about their life that is different?
7. Paul says that the motivation for our surrender is God's mercy (His grace, acceptance, forgiveness and love). In other words, in light of all that God has done for us, surrender is reasonable. Spend a few moments sharing how God's mercy has changed your life.



LIVE IT OUT

1. Every day this week pray this simple prayer;
"Lord, help me see you as you really are."
2. Sometime during this week, write out a prayer of surrender.
Set aside enough time to carefully consider your prayer of surrender.
In your own words, let God know that you are *all in*.
3. Take the next step and share your prayers of surrender with a friend or fellow coach.



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- I know and feel that I should follow through and make that decision to surrender to God, but, for some reason, I just can't bring myself to that level of commitment. What is the danger to me if I don't make that commitment?
- If I make the decision to surrender, I know it will affect my life and I will lose some of my friends. They won't like me or want to be with me anymore. What can I do to avoid losing them?
- Can you tell me if a person that is not fully surrendered to Christ is a Christian or not?