

Dedicating Your Life

I. Introduction

- A. What is the most important decision anyone ever makes in their life?

- B. What is the 2nd most important decision anyone ever makes?

- C. Do you believe everyone serves something or someone, why/why not?

- D. Have you ever consciously dedicated or committed your life to serve God first, above all else?

II. Scripture

- A. ***Exo. 20:3-6; Deu. 5:7-10—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."***

- B. ***1Jo. 5:21—"Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen."***

- C. ***Jos. 24:15—"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."***

- D. ***Luke 9:23; 14:27—"And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple."***

E. Rom. 12:1-2—*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* (cf. (Mat. 11:30; John 10:10; Col. 3:24; Rom. 8:18; 1Jo. 4:19; Rom. 5:8; 1Th. 5:10).

III. Application

- A. Other than serving God, what do you think most serve today, why?

- B. Have you dedicated your life to love and serve God, with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

- C. Are you holding back from allowing Christ to be Lord of your life, why?

- D. Why is your dedication to Christ better than serving anything else?