

I've been pondering a question the last few days. How surrendered am I to God? What areas in my life have I not yet surrendered to His Lordship? As much as I don't want to know the answers, I can't stand the thought of not allowing God to show me what areas I still need to allow His grace to fill my life. If I want to be fully surrendered and committed to following God, then I must be willing to allow His light to shine in the dark places that sin and self still try to hide out.

God is always after our hearts. Like David, sometimes we fail. But if our hearts are surrendered to following God, then we can trust that His grace will keep us in His care. David was noted as being a man after God's heart, yet he made some HUGE blunders with his life. He had an affair with Bathsheba and even had her husband killed to cover it up. But because his heart was to serve God, he was willing to repent and rededicate his life to God.

The greatest commandment is that we love the Lord with ALL our heart, soul, mind, strength and will. That doesn't mean that our FLESH wants to do it. It means that we must live a life that is fully surrendered to following God and His ways. We must deny our feelings, our minds, and our will the right to follow it's own dictates. If we are going to reap the Spirit's rewards, then we must surrender ourselves to sowing into God's plans and purposes, even when we don't *feel* like it!

Jesus was fully committed to God's plans and purposes. He totally surrendered all of Himself to fulfill God's plans. His words, His actions, His attitudes, His emotions, EVERYTHING were under the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. His submission and His surrender opened the way for us to live our lives fully surrendered, too.

God has been showing me areas that I haven't yet fully surrendered too. And you know what, there will always be areas that will need to be dealt with. But unless I am willing to allow Him to turn on the spotlight, those things will remain in me. What I *allow* to remain *will* affect me. But I what I surrender to God, opens a place for His love, grace and healing.

What about you? Do you have things in your life that you still want to be lord over? Why not just release your life to the Author and Finisher and allow His grace to fill you. Surrender to God all that you are and all that your not. A life fully surrendered is a life that God can use to do great things. Those fully surrendered to God experience more peace and joy, because when you're seeking Him FIRST, HE is working to take care of your needs. He is the Way, the Truth, and LIFE. Fully surrender yourself to Him today.

Blessings,  
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Matthew 6:33 Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.