

Most of us associate surrendering with the idea of "I surrender, you win, and I lose." This approach is not correct; it is not beneficial for God—who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servants, **Psalm 35:27**—nor does feeling that we have lost the war give us the incentive to keep on moving forward. Instead, we must walk in the light with Him, for the light will always overcome and eradicate the darkness.

There are only two options: we can either seek God's kingdom of light and abide according to His righteous will, or we can choose to partake in Satan's kingdom of darkness. In our world, shades of gray are all categorized as degrees of darkness. That is why Jesus testified that the works of the world are evil, **John 7:7**. Therefore, we must seek God's will as we live and walk in the light, having fellowship with others, being cleansed from all sin, for in God is no darkness at all.

<sup>5</sup> This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin, **1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5-7**.

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! **Isaiah 5:20**.

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Being totally submitted to God is really our only option, for either we walk in the light, as Jesus is the (way, the truth, and the light), **John 14:6**. Or we walk in darkness or semi-darkness, and we partake in Satan's kingdom of darkness.

And He said unto them, **When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth,** **Luke 11:2**.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you, **James 4:7**.

We may freely sing songs such as "I surrender all," but do we really understand all of what that requires of us, or are we just giving Him lip service? We must completely lay down our will and take up God's will for our lives. This may at times require a sacrifice on our part, rather than taking the course of action we wish to pursue, to be surrendered to do His will. It will also require or will result in a lifestyle change.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up, **James 4:10**.

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring *it* to pass, **Psalm 37:5**.

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Surrendering one's will to the Lord must be of our free will. Unlike a physical war where the enemy forces you to surrender against your will. God has given mankind free will, and He will not force us to accept His will. Thus, most of us only completely surrender to the Lord after we have exhausted all of our earthly and carnal ways and desires.

Accepting and abiding under God's will is our only option and way to knowing and walking with Him in the light as He is in the light. We may only apply surrendering to His will, as being required if we wish to be one of His disciples, as we see in the first scripture below. However, surrendering to the will and ways of the Lord is our only option, and this applies to everyone, both believers and nonbelievers alike. Most people think of this last verse (the broad way vs. the strait way), as simply a salvation verse, but rather it mainly speaks of walking in the many distractions and ways that the world has to offer us, as opposed to the life that Christ has to offer us.

**And whosoever does not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple,** **Luke 14:27**.

<sup>13</sup> Enter ye in (*to life*), at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: <sup>14</sup> **Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it,** **Matthew 7:13-14**.

## A prayer of surrender:

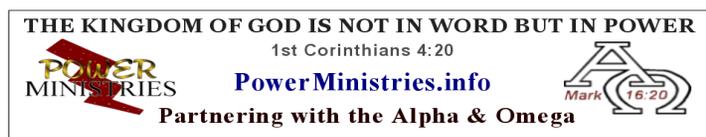
Heavenly Father, I come before You with open hands and an open heart. I glorify and praise You, and I will proclaim and magnify Your name forevermore. I trust You and completely surrender my life to You, for You Father, are righteous and just, the light of the world, and in You is no darkness at all,  
**1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5.**

Search me, O God, and know me; See if there is any offensive way in me; try me and know my thoughts and lead me in the way of everlasting life, **Psalm 139:23-24.** For I open unto You all the secret places of my heart.

Lord, it is my will to surrender all to You: my time, treasures, and talents; my resources and relationships; as well as the burdens that I carry. Yes, every aspect of my life I surrender to You, both the good and the bad, my successes and my failures. I leave them all at the cross, and as the Apostle Paul said, I now count all things as loss that I may have the knowledge of Jesus Christ and Him crucified, that I might win Christ, **{1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:2 & Philippians 3:8}**.

Holy Spirit, lead me and guide me, that I might come into a deeper fellowship with the person of Jesus Christ and that I may become the man or woman that God has predestined me to be. May my desire be to please my righteous and just heavenly Father, and may Your will be done within me.

Amen.



# COMPLETE SURRENDER

## It's the only way.

Unless we completely surrender our will to the Lord and abide in Him, we can do nothing *of lasting value*. For just as the branches of a tree do not have their own agenda apart from the root, we cannot flourish unless we abide in Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.* <sup>5</sup> *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.* <sup>6</sup> *If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned,*  
John 15:4-6.

The Man, Jesus, speaking of His earthly ministry, was required to set aside His human self-will. Jesus described his state as being straitened; other versions translate this as "distressed" or "pressed." A dictionary definition is to be "squeezed together," *as into a tight, restricted space.*

**But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!** Luke 12:50.

*Then Jesus went away the second time and prayed, O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done,* Matthew 26:42.

In the scriptures above, we see that surrendering His human will was even difficult for Jesus. In the below scripture we see that mankind was born of God's will and not of man himself or of the will of the flesh or of man's will. Thus, surrendering to God's will is not a natural process; it is not taught to us by the world or the church, but only by God's Holy Spirit.

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God, **John 1:13.**