

The “Heart” of Jesus is a heart of surrender. Jesus had it in his heart to surrender to God’s plan and to do things God’s way. If you and I are going to continue to ‘Live Like Jesus’, if we want to have a ‘A Heart Like His’, then we must live a life of surrender.

Jesus’ Life Began With Surrender

Jesus’ whole life was centered around surrendering. Even his mother and earthly father had to surrender to God’s plan for their lives.

Mary - Luke 1:38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Joseph - Matthew 1:24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Jesus’ Life Ended With Surrender

Luke 22:39-44 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” 41 He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. (This way not a casual, “Sure whatever.”)

Fully Surrendered to God

In his book “Why God Used D.L. Moody” R.A. Torrey writes that one of the main reasons that he believed God used Moody was because he, Moody, was a fully surrendered man. Moody once heard a friend say, “*It remains to be seen what God will do with a man who gives himself up wholly to Him.*” Moody then said to himself: “*Well, I will be that man.*”

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NASB) For the eyes of the LORD roam throughout the earth, so that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His...

- God wants to use me and you, but we must surrender our rights, our will, and our way of doing things if we want to be fully used by God.

God’s Way is Better

When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, all three temptations were about doing something in a way other than God’s Way.

Luke 4:1-3 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

- Vs. 3 Jesus would be established as **The Son of God**, but not this way.

Luke 4:5-8 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.

7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

- Vs. 6 Jesus would be given **all authority and glory**, but not this way.

Luke 4:9-12 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. **10 For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” 12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”**

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And this is going to be our battle as well. Will we do things our way, the world’s way, or God’s way? To ‘Live Like Jesus’ and have ‘A Heart Like His’ we must surrender to God’s way, not ours.

Christ Jesus Lived a Surrendered Life

John 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for **I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.**

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven **not to do my will** but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 8:28-29 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. **29 The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.”**

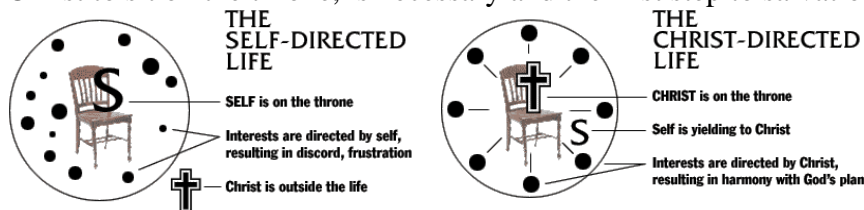
Paul Lived a Surrendered Life

Acts 20:22-25 “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. **23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me —the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. 25 “Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.**

Surrender Is Not Just a One Time Event

Sometimes I wish that it were.

As stated in the Four Spiritual Laws, surrendering to Jesus, getting off the throne and allowing Christ to sit on the throne, is necessary and the first step to salvation.



- Many people know that they can’t make it on their own and know that their goodness is not good enough. But their pride keeps them from surrendering.
 - They are like a soldier who refuses to surrender, willing to go down in a fight.
 - But if you go down in this fight and never surrender to Christ Jesus there is no second chance. There is no getting up again.

Ongoing Surrender: I, like many of you, have surrendered to Christ Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

- I wish that I would have lived a fully surrendered life from the day of my salvation until now.
- I wish that I only wanted to do things God's way and never wanted to do them my way again.

But living a surrendered life is an ongoing process.

Luke 4:13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

- Satan and our sinful nature both seem to keep returning to tempt us at more opportune times.

Surrendered and Empowered

“There are thousands and tens of thousands of men and women in Christian work, brilliant men and women, rarely gifted men and women, men and women who are making great sacrifices, men and women who have put all conscious sin out of their lives, yet who, nevertheless, have stopped short of absolute surrender to God and therefore have stopped short of fullness of power.” R.A. Torrey

Notice that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and led by the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...

Luke 4:14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

You must surrender to God in order to be filled with the Spirit.

- You can't be filled with the Spirit if you are filled with yourself!
- Surrendering to Christ Jesus and being filled with the Spirit is an ongoing process.

At any moment, I can choose to get back up on the throne of my life and the Holy Spirit mercifully steps to the side.

- We forget that we are called to die daily.
- We begin to think that “God thinks like us.” We find friends who think like us, and they are good people, therefore, God must think like we do.
- We take charge, call the shots, we make the big decisions. The next thing you know, we find ourselves sitting on the throne.
- Sometimes we don't even know it. Then suddenly we say, “What am I doing? How did I get up here again?”

Sometimes it takes hard times or tragedy to wake us up and make us realize what we have done.

- We wonder, “Why is my life so out of control?” “Why aren't things working out the way I thought they should work out?”
- We may conclude that we just need to try harder or work harder. “I can fix this,” we think.

What do you do when you realize that you are on the throne of your life?

- Confess self-lordship as sin and ask Jesus to forgive you.
- Surrender to His leadership in your life.
- Start over again and try to maintain a life that is fully surrendered to Him.
- Ask God to not only forgive you but ask Him to use you for His purposes again.

Next Step: I come to the altar today and surrender fully to God.

- Surrender your sins.
- Surrender your desires.
- Surrender what's good about you and surrender what's bad about you.
- Surrender your opinions and wants.

- Surrender yourself fully to His will and plan for your life.

Praise Team Up – “Surrender” (I’m giving you my heart...)

Lift your hands in surrender and repeat after me.

“Lord Jesus, I surrender all. I want to be fully surrendered to You.
Not my will, Lord Jesus, but Your will be done in my life.”

“Make Room”

Salvation Call