



THE POWER OF

CONSECRATION IN THE MARKETPLACE

7 Things Consecration Does for You



'Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself' 1 Corinthians 6:19 NLT

'Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.' Matthew 6:33 NLT

Consecration is defined as the action of making or declaring something sacred. As temples of the Holy Spirit, we are to live a consecrated life – meaning every aspect of our lives is dedicated to God in holiness. While there are general instructions for consecration in the Bible (a lifestyle of holiness, purity etc) there may also be specific instructions the Holy Spirit will give us as individuals which may be for a season or a lifetime.

Consecration is essentially being set apart for a noble purpose, for the Lord's use and most times it's spoken of in the context of spiritual activity. But what does it mean for us in the marketplace? For instance, if Jesus was your colleague at work how would He function? If Jesus ran the business next door to yours, how would He do it? And beyond this, what type of results would we expect to see?

In this series we are looking at 7 Things consecration does for us in the marketplace. Our prayer is that as we go through this series, the Lord will grant us a revelation of the benefits of living life His way and representing Him effectively in our businesses/careers.

Stay connected.



Day 1 Sustenance

'Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.' Matthew 6:33 NLT

Life in the marketplace can be challenging, whether you're climbing the career ladder or building a business. There are times we may feel that despite our best efforts we are like hamsters on a wheel: putting in a lot of hard work but going nowhere fast and running to a standstill. This ought not be so for a believer as we have access to something very powerful we should tap into by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

"Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!" Proverbs 23:4

'But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.' Psalms 92:12,14

Remember, life is spiritual so every successful person must have a focus on having a healthy spiritual life rather than just our hard work, connections alone. As we grow in our relationship with God, we start to realize that our livelihood and capacity comes from Him and so should our reliance. We will definitely still work hard and do our part, but it won't be in a 'do or die' manner. It means we won't engage in office politicking, backbiting or pulling down our competition. Rather we function from a higher real where things are organized differently.

'And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!' Psalms 90:17

When we commit our ways to the Lord and seek to put Him FIRST, He equips us to be successful in our endeavors so that what we build will stand the test of time. Challenges will certainly come, but we're insulated from being overwhelmed and consumed by them. Instead He uses them to make us stronger, sustaining and giving us good success. He helps us build structures that will last and always bear good fruit because we recognize that we are His representatives in the marketplace.

Prayer: Lord I commit my career/business into Your hands as I recognize only You have the power to sustain whatever I am trying to build. Help me Lord to always put You first.



Day 2 Strategy

'From the tribe of Issachar... All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.' 1 Chronicles 12:32

The men of Issachar understood the times, but what really stood them out was that they knew what all 12 tribes of Israel ought to do. They had clarity on what was happening per time, but more importantly they knew when and how to respond – in today's terminology we would say they had an accurate strategy. Strategy helps you look into the situation (current or future) and determine the most effective way to handle that situation. Today's warfare is not necessarily in the battlefield, but there are certainly many 'wars' being fought daily in the marketplace and our success is determined on whether or not we have the right strategy.

"But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets." 1 Corinthians 2:10

As we commit to walking with God and depending on the Holy Spirit's guidance, we start functioning from the realm of the supernatural. The Holy Spirit our Helper begins to show us things that we could not possibly know ourselves especially about what is going to happen in the future. He doesn't stop there, He also equips with the strategy of what to do and when to do it, so we're not doing the right thing at the wrong time.

"...The Lord helped him win his battles everywhere he went." 2 Samuel 8:14

The strategy that gave us victory yesterday may not be what we need for today. During His earthly ministry, it wasn't recorded that Jesus healed the same way twice, so even He realized that He couldn't depend on past experience but had to follow the Holy Spirit's directions. However, if we're not connected to the Holy Spirit, we won't hear His directions to begin with. David had a different strategy for each battle and He never lost one. Are you losing in the marketplace because you're trivializing the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Holy Spirit I recognize that You alone know the future, what and when is necessary per time. I ask for the grace to prioritize depending on You so I always have the right strategy.



Day 3 Speed

“But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.”
Isaiah 40:31

As believers we have access to a divine source of energy that can keep us going even after others around us may have given up, because we are fueled by God’s strength, not ours. Apart from just keeping us going, the Holy Spirit has the power to give us acceleration through divine favour and the ability to consistently be accurate,

‘For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.’ Psalms 5:12

God’s favour makes it possible for others to go out of their way to help us, not because of anything we have done for them. When God’s favour is upon our business/career we start moving with more ease. God doesn’t back anything sub-standard so asking Him for favour isn’t a license to become lazy. Rather our hard work and consistent diligence yields much more fruit than the effort put in because it is backed by supernatural intervention.

“Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.” I Kings 18:46

‘Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”’ Acts 8:29

God can give us the divine ability to move ahead of those who appear to be more established than us in the marketplace. People accelerate for several reasons, but the Lord is the only one who gives speed without adding weariness to it because He is the one doing the ‘heavy lifting’. He’s the one connecting us to the right people and positioning us to be at the right place at the right time. It’s important that we always remember that the reason God promotes us is so that He may be glorified, therefore our heart disposition and manner of conduct should be that which will glorify Him.

Prayer: Lord wherever I have been stagnated I ask for divine acceleration so that Your name will be glorified. Anywhere there is a character check needed in my life, Holy Spirit I ask that You search me and help me overcome those deficiencies so my life will honour the Lord as He elevates me.

Day 4 Significance

'Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.' Daniel 1:21

Daniel lived a consecrated life and was relevant through different governments for over 40 years. Through his years of service to different kings, the Lord caused Daniel to excel, functioning at the highest levels of leadership and yet he maintained a close walk with God. How did he do it?

'... he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.' Daniel 6:10

Daniel was consistent with his prayer and study life, he kept his eyes fixed on God alone despite all the intrigues around him and the Lord stood up for him. Every king Daniel worked with noted his excellence and capacity to solve problems and he knew full well that it wasn't by his own strength so he stayed connected to his source.

'But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.' Psalms 3:3

A lot of our striving for significance will stop once we recognize that we have access to the only One who determines who is going to be in charge, gives us the wisdom we need and positions us effectively regardless of who's in authority. The Lord knows exactly how to keep us relevant in our businesses/careers. He knows how to announce our business, skills set in the marketplace and reveal to us what's coming next in our industry so we can prepare for it in advance. This definitely sets us apart in a way no amount of human effort alone can achieve.

'...That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.'" Isaiah 61:3

Walking with God helps us consistently hit the mark, but more importantly it develops a character of trustworthiness in us. In a world filled with deception and this sets us apart from the pack. Are we trustworthy at work? Can our customers trust us to deliver on our promises?

Prayer: Lord You are the only One who is always in charge, help me keep my focus on my walk with You and reflecting Your character, knowing that You will keep me relevant in my sector as I do so.

Day 5 Solutions

'The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding...'
Isaiah 11:2

The world is surrounded by problems – issues abound at personal, corporate and national levels. Many are quick to point out problems, yet very few people actually provide reasonable, lasting solutions. We cannot solve problems if we don't know what the problem really is in the first place. Many times what we're doing is reacting to the symptoms rather than the root cause. It takes divine ability to see what is really going on. As a solution provider by nature, God always knows exactly what to do. As believers with a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit we have access to the divine wisdom and understanding that flow constantly from Him.

'As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom...' Daniel 1:17

Consecration always comes at a price, but the rewards far outweigh the cost. Daniel and his friends made a choice to stand for their beliefs, restricting their diet to vegetables and water only while seated with their peers who enjoyed a lavish banquet daily throughout their training period. But they were consistent and the Lord rewarded them with abilities that clearly set them apart from the rest.

"... an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel..." Daniel 5:12

Daniel was well known for being a solution provider. If there was a complex problem to solve, Daniel was reputed as the 'go-to' person. Why? Because he had been gifted with understanding which was clearly divinely enabled. The same Holy Spirit that endowed Daniel with this understanding is also available to us, which means we can also ask for the same endowment. Is there a challenge you're facing that seems to lack a solution? Why not ask for the spirit of wisdom and understanding to go into operation regarding that situation and give you the best solution?

Prayer: Lord I need your wisdom and understanding to function in my life. Make me a solution provider, so others will be drawn to Your wisdom and acknowledge You alone as God.

Day 6 Security

'The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.' Proverbs 18:10

The marketplace can be very interesting, especially when surrounded by those who have a dog-eat-dog mentality and are willing to go to any length to succeed. In spite of the many machinations of men, we can be calm and at peace because we have a safe place in the Lord who protects and keeps us. The name of the Lord is a place of safety and security for those who are His and He is more than able to keep us from harm. His power is unlimited, His oversight is immeasurable, truly nothing can stand against our God.

'No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord.' Isaiah 54:17

The Bible doesn't suggest we should be naïve and think no one will ever try to harm either us or things concerning us. The guarantee we have is that such attempts will fail against believers who have committed their lives to the Lord because they will be contending directly with Him. As such we don't have to live in a constant state of fear and anxiety.

'Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.' Psalms 91:1-2

It pays to dwell in the Lord's presence. This doesn't mean we are on our knees in prayer 24/7/365. It means that we live in a manner that is constantly communing with the Holy Spirit, intimately aware of His presence in our lives, involving Him in our moment-by-moment decision and obeying His instructions. With this consciousness the Holy Spirit directs us away from potentially harmful situations, even while also taking up many unseen battles on our behalf. In the times we are in, it is quite dangerous to try and live outside of His presence.

Prayer: Lord I see that my security is in Your presence. Help me be a person who lives in the consciousness of this, trusting in and yielding to You.

Day 7 Sustainability

'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' Matthew 28:19

God's kingdom is one of continuity, running systems and structures in the perfect order that he has put in place. We're not designed to do things of significance on our own and as we function in the marketplace the Holy Spirit helps us create the right systems leveraging on both our kingly and priesthood dimensions. Jesus earthly ministry is a perfect illustration of structure designed to enable continuity beyond a particular individual by the help of the Holy Spirit.

'One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles...' Luke 6:12-13

Whatever revolves around us alone is limited to our capacity. But once we have the right systems in place, the avenues for expanding our impact increases. During His earthly ministry, Jesus didn't go beyond the borders of Israel, however His disciples would continue to reach the entire world long after He was gone. This was only possible because Jesus was very deliberate and intentional about developing structures to identify and equip those who would succeed Him.

The critical thing to note is that Jesus didn't select people on His own. He spent all night in prayer before selecting the 12 He would spend the most time with and delegate to and ultimately hand over His ministry to. He also equip them by Himself, understanding that only the Holy Spirit knows how to do this much more than we ever can. This doesn't mean we're not involved in the process, rather we follow the leading of the holy Spirit on the best way to put things together. We will benefit greatly from involving Him in selecting those we choose to delegate to, how we delegate and establish structures and systems that will ensure our marketplace endeavours stand the test of time.

Prayer: Lord help me put the right structures and supporting systems in place. Show me how and who to delegate to. Reorient my mindset to lean on You so that whatever endeavour I engage in will be sustainable.

Thanks for completing the study. We'll love to hear from you, connect with us on:

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

You can also listen to our Podcasts on:

[Spotify](#)

[Anchor FM](#)

[Google Podcasts](#)

[Apple Podcasts](#)

Or send us an Email: aheartofwisdom@gmail.com

©Aheartofwisdom

