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## A TIME OF CONSECRATION

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Help us SPREAD THE WORD!!!!

Greetings once again in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I trust that you and your family are doing well and that God's unmerited favor reigns abundantly in your lives.

The month of October is our month of Consecration. This has been a celebrated tradition in our church for many years. It was initiated by our beloved founder, Bishop C.C. Owens and continued with greater intensity after his transition. The month of consecration has evolved from a one night shut in, to a 31 day period of fasting and prayer. We fast daily and come to the church for a one hour period of prayer and devotion every week night of the month. In spite of the obstacles of distant travels, the enormous price of gasoline, and the many obligations we all have, the month of consecration is the month we experience our best attendance! Needless to say, we are excited about it.

Consecration is simply the act of setting apart, or dedicating something or someone for God's use. Paul wrote to

Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:21 *"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."* In the verse before this one (i.e. vs. 20), Paul gives an illustration of different types of vessels in a house. He writes *"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour."* When he admonished Timothy, his understudy, to purge himself from these, he was admonishing him to separate himself from inferior vessels so that he can be a vessel of honor to be used for the Master's pleasure.



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The same admonishment in the Message bible sheds light. It reads as follows: *“In a well-furnished kitchen there are not only crystal goblets and silver platters, but waste cans and compost buckets — some containers used to serve fine meals, others to take out the garbage. Become the kind of container God can use to present any and every kind of gift to his guests for their blessing”.*

Paul is saying that when we consecrate ourselves we in essence move from the floor to the table! We move from that which is thrown out and tolerated to that which is used and celebrated.

Consecration is also a means of preparing us for a manifestation of God’s unstoppable Glory.

In Joshua 3:5 it reads *“And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”* In this verse Joshua, the successor of Moses, provides some very critical instructions before the children of Israel prior to them miraculously crossing the muddy Jordan River and moving on to conquer Jericho. His instructions were not a mere suggestion, but a mandate, that before God would work great miracles on their behalf, He required one thing and that was for them to **consecrate themselves**.

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Israel’s promising tomorrow hinged upon what they did the day before. They consecrated themselves, they set themselves apart for what God was about to do for them next. There is a powerful truth that can be gleaned from this event and that is **“The Lord's tomorrow of blessings is only waiting for our today of consecration!** Sometimes the reason we are not receiving what God has for us, is because we have not done what God requires of us. “

During this month of consecration, allow me to encourage you to seek the face of God in prayer, fasting and devotion. Move from the floor to the table and prepare yourself to experience a move of God that will lift you to a new level of blessings, health and prosperity.

Be Blessed,

*Pastor Richardson*

