

Episode 021

Dedication towards God

Introduction

Define “Dedication”

The quality of being committed to a given purpose.

Personal Application:

As Christians, our highest purpose is to love God, follow Jesus, and obey Him in all He has in store for us. Our ultimate aim is to glorify our Lord, Jesus! This requires being dedicated to Him as His children, vessels, and servants.

Once you’ve determined in your heart to pursue the path God has shown you, either through His Word or specifically for your life, you must dedicate yourself to it.

Dedication is demonstrated through your faithfulness and commitment to God’s assignment until He changes the course. In most cases, the Lord will increase your responsibilities and giftings. However, He may also redirect you to something else He has designed for a specific season and purpose.

It is wise to seek the Lord and receive confirmation before making significant changes. In normal circumstances, your dedication to the Lord is received as an act of worship. We live to glorify Him. What is dedicated to God is what will last.

Number four of the seventy resolutions of Jonathan Edwards:

“Resolved, never to do any manner of thing, whether in soul or body, less or more, but what tends to the glory of God. For anything to remain strong, it must be dedicated to God.”



Dedication in Our Prophetic Lifestyle

- **Daily Choice**

To walk faithfully and obediently before the Lord, our Lord and Savior. Convicted to devote oneself to the Lord as a personal act of worship, essentially presenting yourself to Him as a living sacrifice, led by heartfelt conviction.

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV). I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

- **Pliable for God's Design and Purpose**

Be like clay in the hands of the Master Potter. When dedicated to God's plans, we are flexible, willing to adjust to His will. We do so confidently because we trust in His goodness, even when we don't fully understand His plans.

Jeremiah 18:3-6 (ESV) So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do. Then the word of the LORD came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

1 Kings 8:61 (ESV) Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

Part of molding us involves transforming us into Christlike character. The ability to operate in the gifts of the Spirit is one thing, but growing and maturing in Christlikeness resonates deeply with God's heart. Our goal is to reflect more of Him in our nature and character.



When we operate in His supernatural gifts while displaying Christlike character, it brings God great pleasure and gives Him glory. We are able to bring out the best in ourselves through Jesus' empowerment alone.

The recipients of these gifts will truly be blessed, as they are accompanied by the overflowing presence and goodness of God. However, be cautious of pride when God uses us as His mouthpiece and vessel. We must not promote ourselves. Let God appoint and promote in His timing and according to His will. Keep yourself in check and remain humble.

We are His sons and daughters, His servants, and He is our Lord, King, and Best Friend. Be a team player—work with others and allow others to speak into your life. Dedicate yourself to growing in the prophetic, and treasure what God has placed in you. Do not despise or envy others; instead, guard your heart.

Proverbs 4:23 (ESV) Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

- **Be a Cleansed Vessel**

Clogged spiritual hearts, distractions, and discouragement can occur in our lives. Be self-aware, or allow others to speak into your life to monitor your progress and address any deviations. When we feel numb, spiritually unaware, or have a seared conscience, these things can taint our lives and eventually hinder what God has called us to be and do.

Be an instrument fit for the Lord's purposes. Watch your life closely—your thoughts, heart, speech, actions, and motivations. Be willing to give your all to God. Each day, learn to give yourself entirely to God. Trust Him for the transformational outcome in your life.

Say, "Lord, I am Yours. I want to be a vessel fit for Your use. I dedicate myself to You: I give You my hands, my mouth, my mind, my being, and my time. Father, here I am. I am Yours; do with me whatever You want to do today."



2 Timothy 2:20-21 (ESV) In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. If anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

- **Grasp Every Opportunity**

Be trained as opportunities open up for you within your local church or through other means. When opportunities arise, are you willing to step out of your comfort zone and into a zone of faith in God, operating in the gifts and graces He has given you? Expect God's leading throughout the day. Listen for His voice to direct you in the way you should go. Accept the challenge to be an instrument for the Lord's use today.

Break free from fears: fear of man, fear of not being good enough, fear of unrealistic expectations you've placed on yourself or others have placed on you, legalism, religiosity, or performance orientation. Remember, it's all about Jesus, the Lord, Master, and Savior of your life —not about you!

2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Psalms 119:44 (ESV) I will keep your law continually, forever and ever.





Discussion Questions

These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. Is there any aspect mentioned above that you need to re-dedicate to the Lord?
2. What small steps can you take to grow in greater dedication to God?





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