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**Surrender! Part 1**

Tonight I am talking about "SURRENDER" - 3 Parts

Surrender is the very thing that our FLESH hates. It's the last thing our FLESH wants to do is surrender!

Surrender to the FLESH is WEAKNESS/FOOLISHNESS but Surrender to the SPIRIT is STRENGTH/WISE

## **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

Winston Churchill said "we will never ever give up".

Surrender is anti the FLESH

Key Point - "Surrender must define Commitment"

3 Groups of followers

1. Uncommitted to Christ and not Surrendered to Christ
2. Committed to Christ but not Surrendered to Christ
3. Surrendered to Christ and Committed to Christ

## **Key Point - "Our Surrender to Christ must define our Commitment to Christ"**

If our Surrender doesn't define our Commitment, then it's our Un-surrendered heart and mind that defines our Commitment to Christ and this leads to LOSS.

A Romanian Pastor was asked this question. Why has the western church lost its power or influence with God and man?

The answer he gave was this "We have substituted Surrender/Submission for Commitment."

**Luke 9:23** *"If anyone wishes to come after me he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."*

Self is the Greatest Idol in our lives and if it isn't put to death then Self will determine and dictate how everything is going to happen.

## **Key point - "Self must surrender itself to God"**

Q: Why did the rich young ruler not inherit the eternal life?

Q: Why did Peter rebuke Jesus?

Q: Why did Judas betray Christ?

Listen to the words of Self - **Matthew 26:14-15**

Q: Why did all the disciples say they would go to their deaths with Christ only to desert Him?

A: Because their Commitment hadn't been defined by their surrendered, so Self still lived.

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Consequences to being Committed but not Surrendered

**Matthew 7:21-27**

We can be 100% committed to doing what we think is right for God and completely miss entering the kingdom of heaven.

WHY? Because our commitment to Him and His ways, has not been defined by our SURRENDER TO HIM AND HIS WAYS,

God's Will isn't being done but it is our will being done in His name. Jesus calls these people a people of "lawlessness"

Q: So here's the 10 million dollar question. How is it possible that we can do ALL these things in His name and still not enter the kingdom of heaven?

A: Because our Commitment to Christ isn't being define by our Surrender to Christ.

King David learnt this lesson the very hard way with Bethsheba and then he wrote about it for us.

**Psalms 51:16-17**

**Psalm 34:18**

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The next 2 messages will look at

Q: WHAT drives this "Committed Posture" rather than this "Surrendered Posture"?

Q: HOW do we become "more Surrendered so our surrender defines our Commitment"