

## SURRENDERING TO GOD

What does it mean to “surrender to God?”

Surrender meant to yield ownership, to relinquish control over what we consider ours. When we surrender to God, we are acknowledging that what we “own” actually belongs to Him. By surrendering to God, we admit that He is ultimately in control of everything, including our present circumstances. By surrendering to God, we let go of whatever has kept us from wanting God’s ways first.

THREE BARRIERS block our total surrender to God: fear, pride, and confusion.

1. Fear: Can you trust God? The more you realize how much God loves you the easier it is to surrender to Him.
2. Pride: Who is in control? The desire to have complete control is the cause of so much stress in our lives. We want to be God.
3. Fear and pride are the greatest barriers to knowing God. These often lead to:  
Confusion: How can I know God?

Philippians 2

*5. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*

*6 – 7. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

*8. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!*

*9 - 11. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Look at the example Jesus gave us of surrender:

At Gethsemane, the night before His crucifixion Jesus surrendered himself to God’s plan. He prayed, *“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will but as you will....if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”* (Matthew 26:39 and 42)

If you want to learn how to surrender to God, look at Jesus and what He did for us on the cross. He fully surrendered to God, for our sakes. He took on our sins. *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 2:5

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.*

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.*

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THE BLESSINGS of surrender:

1. Peace. You experience peace when you let things go and trust God with them.
2. Freedom. You experience freedom from sin.
3. Power. You experience God's power in your life.