



# THE VISION IS LOVE

## **Consecrated to Love**

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1 John 4:19, 2 Timothy 2:20-21, and Romans 12:1-2

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### **2 Timothy 2:20-21**

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### **Romans 12:1-2**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the

renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Consecration

1. To make or declare sacred, to set apart to the service of God.
2. To devote to a purpose in a very sincere manner.

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Are you willing to say *no* for a greater *yes*?

Consecration

“Consecration refers to the way we dedicate ourselves to the things of God through specific sacrificial acts.”

- Jordan Seng, Author and Pastor

Cleansing + Sacrifice + Dedication

### **Numbers 6:1-6**

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘If a man or woman wants to make a special vow, a vow of dedication to the Lord as a Nazirite, they must abstain from wine and other fermented drink and must not drink vinegar made from wine or other fermented drink. They must not drink grape juice or eat grapes or raisins. As long as they remain under their Nazirite vow, they must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, not even the seeds or skins. During the entire period of their Nazirite vow, no razor may be used on their head. They must be holy until the period of their dedication to the Lord is over; they must let their hair grow long. Throughout the period of their dedication to the Lord, the Nazirite must not go near a dead body.’”

### **Numbers 6:13-15**

“Now this is the law of the Nazirite when the period of their dedication is over. They are to be brought to the entrance to the tent of meeting. There they are to present

their offerings to the Lord: a year-old male lamb without defect for a burnt offering, a year-old ewe lamb without defect for a sin offering, a ram without defect for a fellowship offering, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings, and a basket of bread made with the finest flour and without yeast—thick loaves with olive oil mixed in, and thin loaves brushed with olive oil.”

## **2 Corinthians 7:1**

Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one.

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Consecrated to a Person, for a Purpose and for Power

## **Consecrated to a Person**

### **1 Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **Revelation 19:7-9**

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given to her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) Then

the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

"The best means of resisting the devil is, to destroy whatever of the world remains in us, in order to raise for God, upon its ruins, a building all of love."

- John Wesley

## **Consecrated to a Purpose**

### **2 Timothy 2:20-22**

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

### **2 Timothy 2:21**

Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

"Others may...you may not."

- Jon Tyson, Pastor

What am I allowed to do?

What is God's best for me?

### **1 Corinthians 6**

"Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial.

Lord, give me life that you can use.

Yes, Lord. I will go wherever you want me to.

## **Consecrated for Power**

Reflection questions:

- Is there anything in your life that you need to consciously, based on your identity in Jesus and what He's done for you, cleanse out of your life?
- Where might there be compromise in your life?
- What continues to distract/hinder you from being the person you want to be?
- Are there things in your life that bring about spiritual death?