

TRUE SURRENDERER
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CN. **01**

TRUE SURRENDER

"If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Matthew 19:21 NKJV). That was Christ's answer to the rich young ruler who wanted to know what he should do to gain eternal life.

Now, what did Jesus want from the young man? He wanted all.

It is interesting to note that when the young man "went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions" (Matthew 19:22), Jesus did not run after him, saying, "Hey, come back! Relax, I was speaking in parables. You must just bring in your tithes and offerings, and that's fine."

No! Money had become a god in that young man's life, and only a complete surrender would be acceptable.

[Image: A serene church interior with sunlight streaming through stained glass windows.]

[Standard opening design and animation.]

[A close-up of a Bible open to Matthew 19:21]

[Jesus running to reach out and talk to the young man]

[Young man idolizing money and riches and reflecting]

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If we read the Bible honestly, we will conclude that God does want everything.

One day, as a mother of five listened to a sermon, she decided to give everything she had as a sacrifice for God's cause.

Upon returning home, she searched among her belongings for something she could give away, only to find that, in her extreme poverty, she couldn't dispose of anything useful or valuable.

[Image illustrating bible reading and God's desire for us to surrender everything]

[Design of a mother listening to a sermon. And seeking for belonging in her humble and small house]

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Suddenly, her attention was drawn to her precious five children – three girls and two boys. She went to her room and prayed, "Lord, I do not have material riches that can be used for Your cause, but I do have five children. Right now, I dedicate them to the missions. Use them as missionaries." A few years later, all her children were serving God's cause as missionaries.

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[Design: Mother praying and embracing her five children, symbolizing her dedication.]

[Image: The five children, now grown, working as missionaries in different parts of the world.]

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Ellen White helps us understand this concept by saying that:

"At the moment of success, when the nets were filled with fish, and the impulses of the old life were strongest, Jesus asked the disciples at the sea to leave all for the work of the gospel."

"So every soul is tested as to whether the desire for temporal good or for fellowship with Christ is strongest" (The Desire of Ages, p. 273).

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[Design: The disciples leaving their fishing nets to follow Jesus.]

[Image: An image of a person torn between temporal desires and fellowship with Christ.]

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It is true. God expects us to surrender all, Our tithe and Promise offerings are just a token, a reminder, and an expression of that complete dedication to Him. As we return them now, may we put our desires last and God first.

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[Design of the concept of complete and true surrender

[Standard ending design and animation.]

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