

Surrender the Will to Him

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

There is a wonderful little compilation of thoughts that W. Temple wrote on worship. He said, *Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. Now think about that. Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness, praise God. It is the nourishment of mind with His Truth. It is the purifying of the imagination by His beauty. It is the opening of the heart to His love. And it is the surrender of will to His purpose.*

Are you willing to surrender your will to the purposes of God? If you are a single believer, pray for the partner He is preparing for you in His own time. If you are a married believer, remember that both need to encourage and protect the spiritual growth of their partner.

Together they should be able to worship the Lord and let the family witness His love in the midst, with accord in their confession, making right one to the other. Forgiveness. Agreement. They should be seen as a perfect musical balance by those they meet. In other words, it is Christ in them. When you love your partner through the love for the Lord, it is an overflow of what the Lord is doing in your life. In **Psalm 127: 1**, there is a beautiful little phrase: **Except the Lord build the house . . .** - *I am not talking about a building ; I am talking about the home, the very place where a family*

lives - . . . **they labor in vain that build it.** . . . Dr. A. T. Pierson said, It is significant that again and again, following each act of creation we have the words, **God saw that it was good**, until He came to the creation of man. Then comes a noticeable change. For the first time we read, in **Genesis 2:18, It is not good . . .** Well, what is *not good*? . . . **that the man should be alone. I will make him a help meet for him.**

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10 says -

9 Two are better than one; because they have good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

Matthew 19:6 - . . . **What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**

1 Peter 3:7 - Peter, a family man, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote: **Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them -that is, your wives - according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel,- that is the woman who is subjected unto him - and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.**

Thy desire shall be to thy husband - Genesis 3:16.

“Yes, but,” you might say, “what about me? I am not married. How am I supposed to know the one when I find him? How am I

supposed to know this person that God has planned?”

Hebrews 5:14 says in speaking to mature Christian . . . **even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.** If you are willing to wait upon the Lord, if you are willing to meditate and be in His Word, if you are influenced by God the Holy Spirit within you more than all the happenings of things around you, (all the things that would take you in a position of pride or protection,) if you are willing, God will give you discernment. You will have a quickened perception in the matter of both good and evil. You will know the sense of His approval. You will know!

My husband, as a boy, when they had visitors, always had to sit next to his mother. It was wartime. Rations were short. And when his little hand would go out to get more than was his allocated amount, his mother would catch his eye. She would literally guide him with her eye. How important it is in the Spirit that we sense His approval. We need to be - we must be - in His Word regularly. We must be heeding what He is saying to us. We have to know His voice. We have to be willing to obey whatever He says in the small things. So, then it is easy when something comes along to say, “Yes, Lord, thank You. Thank You for that protection. I don’t have to know all the details, but thank You, Lord, for showing me this.” We have to discover the mind of the Lord.

For those who are married, we are told to. . . **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it. (Genesis 1:28).**

And in **Psalm 127:3 --- Lo, the children are an heritage of the Lord.** What a joy for those who are blessed with families to raise them unto the Lord. But remember, whether you are single or whether you are married, Jesus wants your total life for His glory and His use.

In His precious Name, we pray. Amen.