Ethan Temple Ministries

Tools For Life

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**The Value of Surrendering- A Deeper Experience**

**Elder Marcia Raglin**

 **7 Encouraging Scriptures about Transformation**

Selected below are purposefully picked 7 verses (not more or less), to encourage you to engage Scripture each day of the week.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**–Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Ezekiel 36:26**–And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

**Romans 12:2**–Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Philippians 1:6**–And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**Luke 6:43-45**–“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

**Psalm 139:23-24**–Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

**Jeremiah 32:38-40**–And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.

***\*Which of these scriptures speaks to your heart?***

**Read It. Live It.**

Here are a few ideas of what you can do with one or more of the passages:

* Read one passage every day this week.
* Pick one and study it, writing down observations and applications
* Memorize one of the passages.
* Text it to a friend.
* Write one or more verses on an index card and put them up throughout the house, on the fridge, on your bathroom mirror, next to your charging dock, above your computer, etc.
* Share it on your Facebook page.
* Write an old-fashioned letter (pen, paper, and stamp!) and include one of the passages.
* Pray the passage out loud inserting your own name in it.

Invite the Holy Spirit to transform your life by engaging these encouraging Scriptures.

**7 Encouraging Scriptures about Surrendering**

***Here are seven Bible verses to guide you as you work on the practice of surrendering to Christ:***

1. **Surrender Your Reputation**

But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith. Philippians 3:7–9 (CSB)

1. **Surrender Your Burdens**

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28 (CSB)

1. **Surrender Your Aspirations**

Then he said to them all, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it. Luke 9:23-24 (CSB)

1. **Surrender Your Priorities**

The one who loves a father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; the one who loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Matthew 10:37 (CSB)

1. **Surrender Your Plans**

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:34 (CSB)

1. **Surrender Your Body**

Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (CSB)

1. **Surrender Your Worldly Identity**

I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (CSB)

 **Sabbath School Lesson (Lesson 6-Wednesday)**

Paul celebrates the comprehensive nature of God’s plan of salvation, which involves all things *(*[*Eph. 1:9*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Eph.%201.9)*,*[*10*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Eph%201.10)*)* for all time *(*[*Eph. 1:21*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Eph.%201.21)*)*. And here he lays claim to “every family in heaven and on earth” as belonging to “the Father.” Every family (*patria*) takes its name from the Father (*pater*). This is very good news!

Ponder this thought: Your family, despite its imperfections and failings, belongs to God. Your family is not in the cruel grip of fate, but in God’s caring hands. God loves imperfect families. They bear the divine name. They carry the mark of His ownership.

* I, not only think of my family, but also the Ethan Temple Family, God loves our church and for 100 years, through all we been through and it has been a lot, ET **has carried His Name, which has sustain** ourselves, our personal families and our church as a family.
* Not only Christ name, the lessons goes on to tells us

In [Ephesians 3:16-19](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ephesians%203.16-19), **Paul asks God to grant** **believers an abundant spiritual experience marked by inner strength through the** Spirit’s presence *(*[*Eph. 3:16*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Eph.%203.16)*)*, intimacy with Christ, who is also portrayed as dwelling within *(*[*Eph. 3:17*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Eph.%203.17)*)*, and a settled, secure spiritual identity *(“rooted and grounded in love,”*[*Eph. 3:17, ESV*](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%203.17)*)*.

* **What is “abundant spiritual experience”?**

 ***Ephesians 3:16-19***

***16*** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17**so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18**may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19**and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.