

What Is Your Life - Part 10

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Leonard Ravenhill challenges listeners to reflect on their lives, urging them to die to self and seek a deeper relationship with God through spiritual renewal and obedience.

Duration: 6:19

Scripture: Matthew 16:24, Romans 12:1, Hebrews 12:1

Topics: "Surrender To God", "Spiritual Transformation"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of surrendering our own plans and desires to God, seeking to be emptied of selfishness, lust, and pride, and filled with God's will. It calls for a deep introspection and willingness to let go of secret sins or hindrances that hold us back from fully following God. The prayer focuses on a complete surrender to God's cleansing power, asking for deliverance from bondage and a transformation of heart, mind, and spirit to live victoriously in God's strength and purpose.

Transcript

What is your life? Immediately before that you say, you say, we'll do this and we'll do that and we'll go here and we'll buy it, we sell. When you don't know what tomorrow is and you haven't asked God's will. I'm going to pray for you tonight and I'll tell you what, I'm going to pray a very strong prayer.

I'm going to ask you all to stand with heads bowed and eyes closed. Now remember you have to answer the judgment seat for tonight and I have to answer for preaching it. Let's keep our eyes closed.

Those who raise their hands, say I'm willing to die tonight for my own plans. I want you to put to death selfishness in me and lust and pride. I want to be totally emptied of self and filled with God.

I want you to come and stand at the front before I pray for you. Move right out, we're not going to sing, I'm not going to try and move you emotionally. Forget it.

Make an intellectual decision tonight. Can you move over that way a bit on the left and let these other folk come down? Father, I pray in the name of Jesus that you'll make us realize at this moment we haven't left home and churches and friends to come here just for a good time, but we're here in divine appointments. You know every life here.

There's not a secret in our hearts that you don't know. But Lord, we thank you the blood of Jesus Christ is able to cleanse every part of our being tonight. I pray for these precious young lives.

Lord, I could not guess where they might end up. They may end up somewhere on a desert sand, or in a forest, in a jungle, or I don't know, maybe in a prison cell somewhere, in some strange country of communist domination. But I know tonight, Lord, if they're willing to die to self, die to their own ambitions, if they're willing to let you put to death that secret thing, the one thing that still has them in bondage, of which the apostle speaks when he says in Hebrews 12, lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, I pray just now in every young man and woman here, you slay that one besetting sin.

Smash it right now, Lord, by the power of the blood, by the resurrection life of Jesus. Let bondage cease. May they from tonight have no more return to that thing which has been their destruction secretly.

Take away every appetite for the worldly things. Oh God, I pray that they may think on things which are above, that when they wake in the morning, they look up into your face and worship you, and adore you, and thank you. This is a day you've given me to live in victory over the world and the flesh and the devil, claiming greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world.

Give them an unusual appetite for your word. Give them an unusual intelligence by the spirit, to read it with understanding. Give them grace to obey it, whatever the cost may be.

Whether it's against public opinion, or church opinion, or pastor's opinion, or friend's opinion, so long as they know it's the mind of God. Oh God, we're so tired of playing religion. We're so tired of saying we've been challenged.

Change every life, bow before you tonight. And everyone that hasn't come out, that still says in their heart, I want this thorough purging by the spirit of blood of Christ, and this endowment by the spirit of God. Maybe some of these young men will become Brother Andrew or George Verber.

Go into doors, doors that seem to be barred as though every demon in hell is holding them, but you can open doors which no man can shut. And you can shut doors which no man can open. I pray you'll bring to life in a new way the intellectual power of each one of these people.

Because Paul says in Romans 12, presenting your body a living sacrifice. Holy, acceptable unto God, which is no reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world. God, may they hate and love everything which is of this world, but being transformed or transfigured by the renewing of their minds.

A new mind, a new heart, a new understanding of God, a new vision, a new purpose. Oh Father, I pray that they leave the grave clothes in front of this pulpit tonight, and walk out in resurrection life. Walk out, Lord, as they've never, never lived before.

Love you as they've never loved you before. Serve you as they've never served you before. To long for the burning fire of the Holy Ghost, because your word says, I make my ministers angels, ministering spirits, and my ministers a flame of fire.

Lord, how much that's needed. Just as that burning bush arrested Moses in the desert, and then you change it from burning bushes to burning men, because you sent John the Baptist, and he was a burning and a shining light. God, I commit for your glory tonight, that not one of these people will ever backslide again.

That from this night they'll go forward, and they'll go upward, and they'll have the energies of the Spirit of God, and they'll have intimacy with God they've never known before. We pray now, as we prayed at the

beginning, this is a bad night for the devil. He's lost control of these lives.

They won't yield to temptation as they've

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