

## Spiritual Inventory: Consecrating Yourself to the Lord

*In the first month of the first year of his reign, he opened the doors of the temple of the LORD and repaired them. <sup>4</sup> He brought in the priests and the Levites, assembled them in the square on the east side <sup>5</sup> and said: "Listen to me, Levites! Consecrate yourselves now and consecrate the temple of the LORD, the God of your fathers. 2 Chronicles 29:3-5*

**1. Assignment:** (45 minutes) We will expose ourselves to the Word of God and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us any areas where we are in DENIAL, where we have SECRETS, or just areas that are not submitted to God. We want to take an inventory of any sins or faults that we have not fully admitted, agreed with God, confessed and repented.

**First:** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any area of sin in your life. Sit and listen and let Him Speak to you. Write down the areas in the space below:

**Second:** Ask the Holy Spirit to use the Word as a sword to reveal any area of sin in your life. Make an inventory at the end of the Scriptures of any area He reveals.

*John 15:9-10 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.*

- Is there anything Jesus has told you to do that you have not obeyed?
- Is there anything in your life that Jesus has told you to do that you are procrastinating in?

*Mark 8:34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

- In relationships, do you find yourself more self-focused than other-focused.
- Do you spend more time talking about yourself with other people than listening to them?
- Are you ever concerned about your "reputation" where you are embarrassed of following Jesus?
- Do you find yourself getting upset about your "rights and expectations" being violated and not wanting to love people sacrificially and unconditionally?
- Are you willing to spend money on yourself quite freely but have a hard time giving to kingdom causes when it could mean you go without?

*Eph 4:25-32 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.*

- Do you lie?
- Do you exaggerate or stretch the truth?
- Do you withhold information in order to deceive?

*26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.*

- Do you quarrel, argue or engage in heated discussions?
- Are you engaged in any divisions or party spirit?
- Do you complain or find fault?

- Do you have a critical spirit toward any person or thing?
- Are you irritable or cranky?
- Do you ever carry hidden anger?
- Do you have outbursts of anger?
- Do you become impatient with others?
- Are you harsh, unkind, or sarcastic?

*28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.*

- Do you underpay?
- Do you put forth little effort in your work?
- Have you been careless in the payment of your debts?
- Do you waste time?
- Do you waste time for others?
- Have you kept money that was not yours to keep?
- Have you stolen someone else's work and taken credit for it?
- Do you shop lift?
- Do you steward the resources God has given you: time, treasures or talents?
- Do you pay the taxes you owe?

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

- Are you harsh, unkind, or sarcastic?
- Do you grumble or gossip?
- Do you speak unkindly concerning people when they are not present?
- Do you complain, whine, or speak critical of others?
- Are you verbally abusive? Do you use foul language? Do you ridicule others?
- Do you tell foul jokes?
- Do you ignore the check the Holy Spirit gives you and say things that are destructive anyway?

*31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

- Is there anyone against whom you hold a grudge?
- Is there anyone you haven't forgiven?
- Is there anyone you hate?
- Do you listen to slander about others without setting a positive tone?
- Do you have explosive anger and rage?
- Are others afraid of your anger?
- Is there anyone you refuse to love?
- Are there any misunderstandings that you are unwilling to forget?
- Is there any person against whom you are harboring bitterness, resentment, or jealousy?
- Is there anyone you dislike to hear praised?
- Do you allow anything to justify wrong attitudes toward others?
- Are there any relationships that need to be reconciled that you have been unwilling to work at?
- Are you secretly pleased over the misfortune of another?
- Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishments or advancement of another?

Gal 5:19-26 *The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

- Are you careless with your body?
- Do you fail to care for it as the temple of the Holy Spirit?
- Are you guilty of overindulgence in eating or drinking?
- Do you use drugs, alcohol, sex, food, gambling, work, video games or any other habit to medicate your pain or as a coping mechanism?
- Do you have any habits that are defiling to the body?
- Do you take credit for accomplishments rather than give all the glory to God?
- Do you talk of what you have done rather than what Christ has done?
- Do most of your sentences start with, contain, or reflect upon "I"?
- Have you made a pretense of being something that you are not?
- Are you self-conscious rather than Christ-conscious?
- Do you have personal habits that are not pure?
- Do you look at inappropriate magazines, videos, web sites?
- Do you go to bars or strip joints looking for pleasure?
- Do you allow impure thoughts about the opposite sex to stay in your mind?
- Do you read material which is impure or suggest unholy things?
- Do you indulge in entertainment that is unclean?
- Are you guilty of the looking lustfully at someone else?
- Are you prejudiced against other Christians because they are of some other group or because they do not see everything as you do?
- Do you think of yourself as better than others?
- Do you ever wonder why others don't "get it" like you do?
- Do you show favoritism towards the wealthy or others because of social status?
- Is your manner of dress pleasing to God?
- Have you ever been involved with magic, witchcraft, cults, New Age, Tarot cards, or other "spiritual powers" without personally repenting of it?

Ex 20:2-17

2 *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."You shall have no other gods before me.*

- Is there anything in which you have failed to put God first?
- Have your decisions been made after your own wisdom and desires, rather than seeking and following God's will?
- Do any of the following interfere with your surrender and service to God: ambitions, pleasures, loved ones, friendships, desire for recognition, money, your own plans?
- Are you more concerned about what people will think, than what will be pleasing to God?
- Are you bound to anything addictive to meet your needs other than allow God to meet those needs?
- Have you participated in witchcraft, magic, or New Age religions?
- Have you followed other gods from other religious systems?

4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

- Do you love money or material things more than God?
- Is your house, car, or some other possession more important than God?

7 "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

- Do you use the name of Jesus or God in a foul or flippant manner?

8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

- Do you have regular time each week where you rest and spend time with your Heavenly Father?

12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

- Are you respectful of your parents?
- If it is within your power to help your parents when they are in need, do you do so?
- Do you communicate regularly with your parents?
- When you speak to your parents, do you do so in an uplifting manner?
- Do you listen to your parents when they speak?

13 "You shall not murder.

- Have you killed someone?
- Have you killed someone's reputation through gossip or slander?
- Have you injured someone's spirit by harsh or injurious words?
- Have you cursed someone by speaking lies about their personhood, value and worth to their face?
- Have you had an abortion? Have you encouraged someone to have an abortion?

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

- Are you jealous or envious of others?
- Do you compare yourself to others and wish you had what they had?
- Do you complain that God has not blessed you like He has others?
- Are you ungrateful for what God has given you?

## SUMMARY

In the space below, summarize the areas of your life that the Holy Spirit has shown you needs to be confessed to the Lord and brought under the Lord's control:

**2. Confession Assignment:** (40 minutes) We are told to confess our sins to one another as a healthy life discipline for the believer. It is part of the way we begin to "put off the old." James 5:16 says, *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.* While confession and repentance is a healthy practice, it needs to be done in a climate of safety and grace where confidentiality is respected. Not knowing who will be at the National Day of Prayer morning, we offer two options:

1. Go over your list with the Lord **on your own**, and confess and repent before him.

*2 Cor 7: 9-10 For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. 10Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

*1 John 1:9-10 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.*

2. If you have one or two people here that you trust, get in a group of two or three to share your list with them. Then have them listen in while you pray to the Lord and confess and repent of your sins to God. Remember don't make excuses, agree with God that these things are wrong and ask Him to forgive you.

*James 5:13-16 Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. 14Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 16Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*