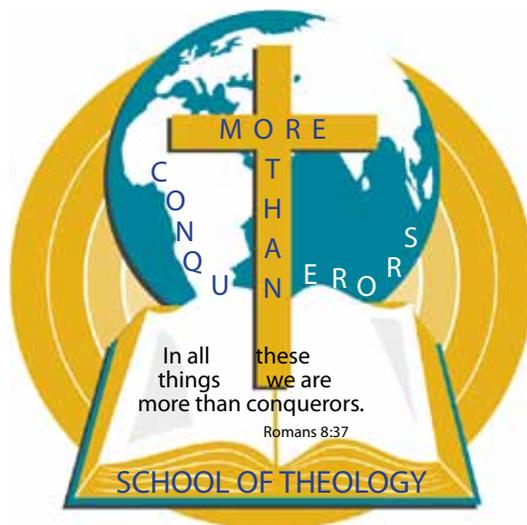


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A Message from the President

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Welcome to our new course *Mighty in Spirit*. It is our prayer that each of you will truly become mighty in spirit as we study and apply God's principles together.

There has never been a group or an individual who has been followed by such a diverse segment of the world's population, as Jesus Christ. During this study, as we delve into the unchanging Word of God, we will recognize that the one thing that makes Jesus Christ different from all other men who ever lived is... LOVE.

It's this unexplainable love that causes such great passion and adoration to arise in the hearts of men and women, generation after generation. Love is the only true catalyst for Christians to become totally dedicated to the true and living God and mighty in spirit.

I pray that we as Christians will never forget where we came from. There was a time when we had no idea of our true origin. Our lives were empty, lonely, tormented, and without purpose or meaning. Then Jesus came and forgave us of all our sins. He gave us love, joy, peace and a beautiful life. Yes, Jesus gave us purpose and meaning. May we never forget the miry pit out of which God dug us.

I am sure we all can remember how our thoughts and actions completely changed after we were born again. Old things passed away and all things truly became new. At last, we had found the fulfillment we had been searching for when Jesus came into our hearts. His presence became so very precious to us.

When we were newly saved, we weren't always sure what was right and what was wrong. However, we soon began to notice that when we did or said certain things, we would cause His sweet presence to leave us. We lost our precious fellowship and close walk with Him.

Then, when we would turn back to Him and stop doing or saying those things, His presence would return. It didn't mean we had lost our salvation or that God had left us, but His presence and fellowship were quenched. It was at those brief times that we lost the awareness of His presence.

From these experiences we soon learned we couldn't do or compromise in certain areas and walk with God at the same time. We realized we could only have one or the other, but not both.

It was then we chose to possess the most beautiful presence in the world, rather than the shallow empty pleasures of sin and compromise for even a brief season.

The psalmist David said in Psalm 73 that he became discouraged when he saw how the wicked seemed to prosper while he was having so many problems trying to live a life free of sin and offense toward God. Then David sought God and God showed him the terrible end of the wicked.

We know the wicked will suffer terribly in the next life, but what hurts most is what we see in the faces of those who turn away from God in this life. We see in their eyes and on their countenances, emptiness and sorrow. They have no purpose or excitement concerning their future. When we see death in the eyes of those around us, it encourages us to give ourselves fully to God.

Most of us have seen the inner beauty that radiates from Godly ministers and saints of God. We have seen His beauty shining through their characters, attitudes and the words they have spoken in their messages. They felt the spiritual conditions they had to meet in order to live lives of total dedication were well worth the beauty God produced within them.

There were those attending services with us who, at one time, radiated the life and love of Jesus in their faces. But for some reason, after awhile they turned back to the world. When we saw them again, they looked so empty and dead, all the life and light were gone from their eyes.

Let the emptiness we saw in their eyes cry out to us as a warning not to turn away from God. No matter what our future on this earth may hold, we must stay close to our Lord to remain full of His presence and mighty power.

We do not want to dwell upon or even think about the eternal torments of hell. But the most horrible thing about hell is that there is no hope of ever coming out of its burning torture. When we know the Lord, no matter how much we suffer on this earth, we know that someday it will end. However, those who die without Jesus will never know an end to their terrible torment.

Another sobering thought is that, when we live compromising lives by our actions and deeds, we may cause others who otherwise may have been saved to spend eternity in hell. Knowing this should motivate us to do our all for Jesus Christ.

In these last days, I believe we as totally dedicated Christians are feeling an urgency in our hearts to make our lives really count for our Lord. A deep feeling from within is telling us that time is running out, and we must do all we can to win as many souls to Christ as possible.

Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

All too soon the time will come when our lives will be over. All of our opportunities to win others to Jesus and to help the cause of the Gospel will be gone. We will no longer be able to witness to others, give financially to further the cause of the Gospel, pray for others, live by faith, or suffer in any way for Christ. Whatever we are going to do to win souls to Jesus, we must do now, and we must do it quickly before our time runs out.

In the business world there is a term which says, "Opportunity Costs." It means that when we spend time on low priority items, it costs us results. These are results we could have had if we had spent our time on high priority items.

We don't want to come to the end of our lives and look back at what we could have done if we had given our lives fully to Jesus. Instead, we want to look back and be filled with awe and wonder at what God did through our lives of consecration to Him.

As we pursue the lofty precepts of this course, we must do so fully persuaded of the infallibility of God's Holy word. God has and will prove over and over again that His word is true and He will always do what He says He will do. This gives us confidence that we have a sure foundation on which to face the future.

The truth of the Bible should fill all of us with joy about what God desires to do "in" and "through" our lives. We must believe that no matter what we face, God can solve every problem. He can provide every need, heal every hurt, break every bondage, overcome every sin and cause every vision He has given us to be fulfilled.

At times, no doubt, those of us who are truly aspiring to living lives of total dedication will feel as though we are complete failures. Notwithstanding, there will be times of discouragement, but even as imperfect as we are, if we hold fast to Him until the end, God will reward our efforts.

This world we live in is such a dark place, and with the dawn of each new day, it seems to be getting even darker. People all over the world are groping for some kind of hope or pleasure that will temporarily ease their pain. Too often, even some of the people in our churches are desperately searching for satisfaction in the world.

The staff of MTC has a dream of a great host of men and women being raised up among all nations, who will show forth to those around them the radiant joy and incredible difference Jesus Christ is making in their lives when they are totally dedicated to Him.

This is why my staff and I are literally working day and night to prepare these life-changing Bible courses, so students in nations all around the world can study the Bible through Extensions of MTC.

We feel God has placed a mandate in our hearts to share His Word in a systematic way... as we are doing through these MTC courses. These courses are planned so the spiritual hungry in America and around the world can learn the absolute truths of God's Holy Word.

In the various nations in which we have traveled and taught, we found those who were spiritually hungry and ready to walk in the truth of God's Word if only they could somehow understand how to apply it to their lives.

I believe, deep in the hearts of multitudes of people all over the world, there is an intense longing to give themselves fully to God. They desire to experience His beautiful presence and miraculous power. But, in too many instances, they have never seen any evidence of Christ in those professing to be following Him, nor can they find a church that can teach them how to apply God's truths in their lives so they can experience His presence and life-changing power.

Do you know there are so many around the world who want to believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a reality? They desperately want to see some kind of evidence that Jesus is whom He claims to be and that He can make a difference in their lives if they will only forsake all and follow Him.

This is what this course is all about! Are you ready to be changed for the better? Are you ready for a spiritual change?

If so, it's time for you to prove the Lord and see what He will do within you. I believe He is waiting now for many of you to open yourselves up to Him so you can receive the plan He has for your lives.

I believe God has a beautiful plan and a special mission for us all to complete before we die. I am so sure of this, I want to challenge each of you to give the Lord Jesus Christ your all. If you haven't done this--then do it before you go to sleep tonight.

Perhaps some of you who are reading these lines have set your future goals and plans into concrete. You are so sure of what you are going to do with your future, that you have left no room for any kind of change.

If this is the case in your life, I pray that you will become more pliable to the Holy Spirit so God will be given the liberty to rearrange your plans and future.

Some of you may have said, "Lord, I'll do this, but don't ask me to do that, because I won't even consider it."

When we pray in this manner, what we are really saying to the Lord is, "Don't step over the line, Lord. You can have most of me, but not all of me."

In the name of Jesus Christ... receive a spiritual change right now! I challenge you to truly allow Jesus Christ to become the Lord of your life.

The world is waiting for someone to show them how real God can be in their lives if they are wholly given to Him. This can be you!

I'm so glad there is a magnificent alternative to being a mediocre, lukewarm, nominal Christian. Do you know what it is? It's being a Christian who is totally dedicated to Jesus Christ. Those of you who will completely surrender to this exciting experience will know what it is like to become *Mighty in Spirit*.

HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

MANUAL FORMAT

Each chapter consists of:

Objectives: Before beginning each chapter, carefully read the Objectives. These are the goals you should achieve as you study that particular chapter.

Key Verse: This verse emphasizes the main concept of the chapter. Students are encouraged to memorize the key verse of every chapter.

Study Questions: At the end of each chapter, there are Study Questions. After studied each chapter in class, complete all of these study questions. Although these questions will not be graded, they are an important part of this course. Your teacher will go over these questions in class before beginning to teach the next chapter.

Spiritual Application: At the end of each chapter, there is also a suggestion on Spiritual Application. This will help you “apply” the “information” you have learned to your personal life and ministry.

For Additional Study: There are also suggestions For Additional Study at the end of each chapter. This additional study activity will help you continue your study of the Word of God and improve your study skills.

Final Exam: If you are enrolled in this course for credit, upon completion of the course, you will be required to take the final examination. Since this is an open book exam, you may use your Students Guide while taking the examination. After you have completed the examination, please return it to your teacher for grading.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS NEEDED

A King James Version of the Bible would be great. Due to our ministry around the world, all Biblical references are King James (unless otherwise noted).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

During this course of Mighty in Spirit, our vision is to raise up a vast host of men and women among the nations who will be Mighty in Spirit and Ministry. As a result of their committed walk with Jesus Christ, they will stand in sharp contrast to empty religion which has turned so many away from the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our goal during this course is to raise up men and women who will:

Demonstrate the reality of God through miracle answers to prayer.

Demonstrate that the Bible is true and that God's ways are superior to man's way.

Demonstrate how applying God's principles to our lives brings supernatural results.

Demonstrate the joy of living a life of "total dedication" to Jesus Christ.

Demonstrate the excitement of following God's plan for our lives.

Demonstrate the supernatural love of God which is the true mark of every disciple of Jesus Christ.

PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

Because this course deals with becoming mighty in Spirit, it is suggested that you set personal objectives for this study. Referring to the list above, list your personal objectives in the space provided below.

Complete this sentence: "The area(s) in my life where I need most to become Mightier in Spirit is . . ."

CHAPTER ONE

TOTAL DEDICATION

Part I: The Heart of Champions

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this chapter, you should be able to:

- Write the Key Verse from memory.
- Understand the importance of living a life of “total dedication” to God.
- Know why the world must see a demonstration of God’s supernatural power in our lives.
- Realize the ramifications of not being totally dedicated to God.
- Understand why we must be totally dedicated to Jesus Christ and His Word to become mighty in Spirit.

KEY VERSE

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33)

INTRODUCTION

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (II Corinthians 5:17)

I. FOUR KEY QUESTIONS CONCERNING TOTAL DEDICATION

A. WHAT WILL GOD DO “IN” AND “THROUGH” US IF WE ARE _____ GIVEN TO HIM?

Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD. (Deuteronomy 1:36)

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may

appear to all. (I Timothy 4:15)

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. (Mark 10:29-30)

B. HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE THE _____ POTENTIAL OF WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR OUR LIVES?

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. (Genesis 17:1)

C. HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE OUR _____ EFFECTIVENESS FOR CHRIST?

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

D. HOW CAN WE REACH THE SPIRITUAL _____ GOD HAS SET BEFORE US?

II. FIVE KEY SCRIPTURES FOR TOTAL DEDICATION

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33)

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. (Hebrews 12:1)

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:15-17)

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

III. THE IMPORTANCE OF TOTAL DEDICATION

A. WHY IS IT _____ FOR US TO LIVE LIVES OF TOTAL DEDICATION?

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: (Ephesians 2:12)

1. The world is desperate to see a _____ of the reality of God's supernatural power and love.

B. _____ THINGS TODAY'S GENERATION DESPERATELY NEEDS TO SEE DEMONSTRATED.

1. The world needs a demonstration of the _____ of God from those professing to be His children.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. (John 9:5)

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house (Matthew 5:14-15)

a. Jesus pointed to the demonstration of God's reality as the key to _____ skeptics of the reality of the Gospel.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, where with shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (Matthew 5:13)

b. The world can only learn about the reality of serving God through the _____ we live before them.

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. (James 2:17-18)

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (James 2:20)

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. (James 1:16-18)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

c. As Christians we are Christ's _____ to this world.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (II Corinthians 5:20)

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)

And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. (I Kings 18:36-39)

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon. (Daniel 3:28-30)

I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian. (Daniel 6:26-28)

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom,

but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (I Corinthians 2:4)

2. The world needs a demonstration of the _____ and beauty of God's ways.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

3. The world must have a demonstration of the _____ of God's Word.

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (Mark 16:20)

4. The world needs a demonstration of the _____ of total dedication.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Psalm 16:11)

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. (III John 1:4)

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. (John 15:11)

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. (Matthew 13:44)

5. The world needs a demonstration of the supernatural _____ of God.

- a. Unselfish love best describes _____ love working "in" and "through" us.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

IV. GOD HAS CERTAIN GOALS IN EVERY GENERATION

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. (II Chronicles 16:9)

- A. **THERE ARE NO "_____ PEOPLE" IN GOD OR "LITTLE PLACES" WHERE HE DESIRES US TO GO.**

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. (II Timothy 2:20-21)

- B. TRUE FULFILLMENT IS FOUND ONLY WHEN WE ARE IN GOD'S _____ FOR OUR LIVES.

V. THE PURPOSES OF THIS COURSE ARE TO HELP EACH STUDENT

- A. MAKE A PROFOUND, FINAL AND _____ DEDICATION OF HIS OR HER LIFE TO JESUS CHRIST AND HIS WORD.
- B. SEE THE SURPRISING BEAUTY OF A LIFE OF TOTAL _____ TO JESUS CHRIST AND HIS WORD.
- C. UNDERSTAND AND HATE THE DEVASTATING AND FAR REACHING CONSEQUENCES OF _____.
- D. RECEIVE INSPIRATIONAL AND PRACTICAL _____ CONCERNING HOW TO LIVE A DAILY LIFE-STYLE OF TOTAL DEDICATION TO JESUS CHRIST AND HIS WORD.

VI. EXAMPLES OF TOTAL DEDICATION

A. JOB

But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. (Job 1:11)

And Satan answered the Lord and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. (Job 2:4-5)

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. (Job 13:15)

And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. (Job 42:10)

B. SHADRACH, _____ AND ABEDNEGO

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen,

and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. (Daniel 3:16-28)

C. ESTHER

Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. (Esther 4:13-16)

D. ABRAHAM

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. (Genesis 22:1-2)

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. (Genesis 22:10)

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. (Genesis 22:12)

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done

this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (Genesis 22:16-18)

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26)

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:37)

E. _____ AND CALEB

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. (Numbers 13:30)

But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (Numbers 14:24)

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24:15)

Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD. (Deuteronomy 1:36)

Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (Numbers 14:22-24)

F. MOSES

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (Hebrews 11:24-27)

G. JOSIAH

And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk

after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers. (II Chronicles 34:31-33)

And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him. (II Kings 23:25)

H. TIMOTHY

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man like-minded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel. (Philippians 2:19-22)

I. JOHN THE _____

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Matthew 3:7-12)

For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. (Matthew 14:3-10)



STUDY QUESTIONS

CHAPTER ONE

1. Write the Key Verse from memory:

2. In 2 Chronicles 16:9, the first key verse concerning total dedication, what will the Lord do on the “behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him”?

- a) show Himself strong...
- b) vomit us out of His mouth
- c) make us better than other Christians
- d) nothing

3. According to the fifth key verse mentioned, concerning total dedication, in order to be Jesus’ disciple we must forsake all that we have.

True False

4. It is not so important to live a life of total dedication to the Lord, as long as we just live for the Lord.

True False

5. The world is desperately in need of seeing a real _____ of the reality of God’s supernatural power and love.

6. True fulfillment is found only when we are in God’s will for our lives.

True False



SPIRITUAL APPLICATION

We will be continuing the subject of total dedication in our next chapter. After that we will concentrate on spiritual application concerning this whole matter. However, right now, stop a moment and take a spiritual inventory of yourself.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- 1. Am I completely “sold out” to God?**
- 2. Have I forsaken all for the Lord?**
- 3. Are there things in my life that have a greater influence over me than God does?**
- 4. Is there anything in my life that takes priority over the Lord?**

Work on these questions during this next chapter. Stay open minded and allow God to show you even those things you may not want to know. Let Him be honest with you concerning His jealousy over you and your little gods.



FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

Look up each of the following Scriptures. Then write a short paragraph as to how each Scripture can be applicable to your being totally dedicated to the Lord using the principles as we have learned in our study of this first chapter of Mighty in Spirit:

1 Kings 18:21

Jeremiah 29:13

Luke 9:23-25

Luke 10:39-42

Luke 14:28

John 6:66-69