

Isaiah 47:8(NKJV)

“Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, Who dwell securely, Who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, Nor shall I know the loss of children';”

Ephesians 4:19(NKJV)

“who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”

Ecclesiastes 8:8(NKJV)

“No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death. There is no release from that war, And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.”

Jeremiah 6:13(NKJV)

“"Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them,
Everyone is given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the
priest, Everyone deals falsely.”

Romans 12:13(NKJV)

“distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.”

I Timothy 3:2 (NKJV)

“A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;”

II Corinthians 8:5(NKJV)

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II Corinthians 8:5

- What does it mean to give ourselves to the Lord?



Romans 12:1(NKJV)

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”



Matthew 16:24(NKJV)

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”



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Matthew 22:35-40(NKJV)

“Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him," 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "This is the first and great commandment. "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."”

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Galatians 2:20(NKJV)

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

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Romans 6:12,13(NKJV)

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

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Luke 9:23,24(NKJV)

“Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”

Luke 9:62(NKJV)

“But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."”

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II Corinthians 8:1-5(NKJV)

“Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.”

Mark 10:45(NKJV)

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

I John 3:16(NKJV)

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

Philippians 2:5-8(NKJV)

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

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