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GIVING IT ALL TO GOD

HOW DO I SURRENDER MY CONTROLLING NATURE TO GOD?

Pastor Brad Howard - March 5, 2023

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 NLT

YOU MAY BE A CONTROL FREAK:

- You insist on everything being done your way.
- You feel you have to have everything under your control if life is to go well.
- Your way is the right way.
- You position yourself to gain greater control: Over Children, Over Spouse, Over Finances, Over Status, Over Outcomes, Over Appearance Management
- You withhold attention / withdraw love when you don't get your way.
- You have anger issues and hold on to grudges.

1. BE FULLY COMMITTED TO GO ALL IN WITH GOD.

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.

2 Chronicles 16:9a NLT

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24 NLT

2. RECOGNIZE EGO AS THE ENEMY

For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths. Everyone there will stare at you and ask, 'Can this be the one who shook the earth and made the kingdoms of the world tremble?'

Isaiah 14:13-16 NLT

"Pride deceives us into elevating ourselves to the place of God."

"Pride destroys us by slowly diminishing our desire to honor God."

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 ESV

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If you think you are too important to stoop down to help another, you are living in deception. Let everyone be devoted to fulfill the work God has given them to do with excellence, and their joy will be in doing what's right and being themselves, and not in being affirmed by others.

Galatians 6:3-4 TPT

- Give people permission to point out pride in your life.
- Meditate on what the Lord has done in your life.
- Pray – prayer will expose the roots of pride and help extract them from your life.

3. TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV