

Sober Surrender

Our Greatest Weapon

Luke 9:23-24

1. Giving up “your own way” is to stop fixing your mind on what is fading away (*1 John 2:15-17*)
 - a) spouse, children, job, school, etc.
 - b) (*Matthew 10:37-39*)
1. Focus up (*Colossians 3:1-11*)

Surrender is our greatest weapon. The devil can only manipulate through what is fading away. When you surrender your life and the things of this life, the devil no longer has power over you. If what you lay hold of is temporary then you will always be enslaved to fear of what might happen. But when you surrender what is temporary and lay hold of Christ who is eternal the devil has no power over Him so He can have no power over you. Fear of loss is thrown out when faith in Christ is brought in! (*Galatians 2:20*)

Our Greatest Outcome

Being born into sin means we were all born into a drunken state of mind. We became drunk off of life’s cares, worries, lusts and desires.

Through surrender we are born again which means we have been cleansed of that drunken state and granted a sober mind. We can see clear and understand the will of God. This is our greatest outcome, to no longer be a slave to sin. (*Romans 6:5-8*)

Having a Sober Mind means we never lose sight of what’s eternal. It keeps us alert of the snares that focus on what’s fading. Dwelling on our cares can lead us down a path of intoxication, but casting our cares on the Lord will keep us in the sobriety of Christ.

1 Peter 5:6-9

Closing Statement

Daily surrender leads to daily sobriety. This is the way God has designed for us to be free. When we surrender, we release control, we let go of what’s fading and we lay hold of what is everlasting. When we focus on the glory of Christ and His return, we can endure everything that is coming to an end. When we are sober in this way then we will love like God loves, serve like God serves, we will be willing to suffer long and we will not lose hope because this hope, that is produced through a sober surrender, does not disappoint!

Romans 5:5

Closing Prayer

Thank you Jesus for the Holy Spirit who draws me to this place of surrender. Thank you for a sober mind to know the difference between my life and yours, my ways and yours, my mind and yours. Keep me in this place of sobriety. I admit that I can’t do this on my own, I surrender wholly & completely to you!