

“I Surrender All”

We’ve been looking at a special passage of the Bible over the last several weeks, and I’m curious if any of you noticed it? [Wait for answers]

Summary ... Here’s the topics and song’s we’ve been looking at:

Love	“Your Love Never Fails”
Joy	“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Peace	“It is well with my soul”
Patience	“While I wait”
Kindness	“Words”
Goodness	“Forever Reign”
Faithfulness	“Great is thy Faithfulness”
Gentleness	“The Potter’s Hand”
Self-control	“I Surrender All”

These Christian songs and hymns have highlighted what famous Bible passage?  
“The Fruit of the Spirit”:

Galatians 5:22-23, But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

The Fruit of the Spirit is the Christian’s resume ... a record of how we’ve interacted with people, and the character we’ve inherited from Jesus.

The last trait is “self-control” which will never work unless we surrender our lives to Jesus. “Surrender” supposes a war ... with one side winning, and one side losing.

Surrendering to Jesus means I’m getting a new way to ...

### **A. Surrendering to Jesus Reduces “drama.”**

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
In his presence daily live.

*Refrain:*

I surrender all,  
I surrender all,

All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

Jesus demands surrender ... Matthew 16:24, Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me."

To reduce drama in your life:

- Freely give yourself to Him. Suddenly, it's His junk to deal with!
- Love and Trust flows through Him, not through others.
- Daily life, in His presence, brings balance and perspective to "drama."

## **B. Surrendering to Jesus replaces distraction.**

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at his feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.  
*(Refrain)*

Men are especially easy to distract with "worldly pleasures." We are eye-driven, so bowing at the feet of God illustrates our need for focusing on God. Psalm 99:5, Exalt the LORD our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy! [Demonstrate this verse by bowing face to the ground.]

To replace distraction in your life:

- Intentionally (decide to) bow to God.
- "Fast" worldly distractions to remind yourself of your priorities. [No phone, computer, TV, etc. for the evening.]
- Replace distracting behaviors with better ones. Pick a distraction, now choose a behavior you *want* to increase in your life ... decide to swap them! In other words, you are saying to Jesus, "Take me now in *this specific area*."

## **C. Surrendering to Jesus renews direction.**

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to thee,  
Fill me with thy love and power,  
Let thy blessings fall on me.

*(Refrain)*

Ephesians 3:18-20, <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. <sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

To renew your life's direction:

- Be sure you are fully given over to God.
- Understand the true depths of God's love for you.
- Ask God to accomplish so much more in your life!

MAIN POINT: Surrendering to Jesus is the key to a successful and satisfying life.

A closing prayer ... "Dear God, all to Jesus, I surrender, all to Him I freely give. Fill us with Your love and power. Take us. Use us. Mold and shape us into a surrendered, successful, and satisfied follower of Jesus. Amen."