



14 AUG 2022 | ELDER LEE EE YANG | LIVING A CONSECRATED LIFE | 2 CHRONICLES 29:3-11

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

- Know that we can position ourselves to prosper in whatever we undertake.
- Recognise that we can and should overcome the world and its ways by trusting in the Lord and follow God.
- Commit to hold fast to God's commands and not to serve the ways of the world.

SERMON SUMMARY

Living a consecrated life means that we must be willing to be a clean and holy vessel, set apart for God's purposes. In order for us to have a consecrated life, we must first learn to minister unto the Lord. As we minister to the Lord, God will grant us revelation so that we will know how to live our lives for greater fruitfulness for the kingdom of God.

SERMON RECAP

Although King Hezekiah did not live a perfect life, he lived a consecrated life, resulting in fruitfulness during his reign.

1. What does living a consecrated life mean?

- Consecration means to be "set apart for God's purposes".
- Israel, of all the nations of the world, was chosen by God to be set apart in order to display God's glory to the world. In order for Israel to remain consecrated, the nation needed to keep their covenant with God – to be faithful to Him through obedience.
- However, during the time of King Ahaz (2 Chronicles 29), Israel became unfaithful and disobedient towards God. Israel as a nation then bore the consequences of this.
- So, the first thing that King Hezekiah did when he took over the throne was to consecrate all the priests and Levites of the house.
- Application: Therefore, if we desire to see the manifest presence of God in our lives and in our church, we must be willing to offer our lives as a clean and holy vessel to be used for God's purposes.

2. Consecration Begins with Ministry to the Lord (2 Chronicles 29:11)

- The word minister in Hebrew is Sharath (שָׂרַת) which means to “attend to the Lord as a worshipper, a servant.”
- Practically speaking, ministering to the Lord means that we engage with the Lord every day through worship, prayer and reading the Word, being plugged into His presence, communicating with Him and spending intimate times with Him.
- In order for us to thrive in the oppressive culture that we live in, we must first learn to minister unto the Lord.
- Application: In order to give, you must first receive.

3. Consecration Brings Revelation (2 Samuel 3:1-4, 19-21)

- The life of Samuel is a prime example of a man who ministers unto the Lord.
- As he ministered unto the Lord, God granted him revelation causing his ministry to be effective
- Application: When our lives are consecrated unto the Lord, and we are continually ministering unto Him, our ministry in the church and in the marketplace will be effective, bearing forth much fruit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **The word, “Consecrated” means to be set apart. Share with your cell on what God has set apart your life for.**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect question. It is important that teachings do not remain as good concepts in our minds. Rather, they must be translated into practical living and implemented in our lives. Therefore, we need to know what we have been set apart for in this season of our lives so that we will know how to live our lives in light of God’s will. Our consecration is general as well as specific. We are all called to be a light in the world (general). But at the same time, God has a specific will for some of us – something specific He wants us to do in the places of influence that He has positioned us in (specific). Encourage your members to reflect on why God has placed them in their places of work, family relations, income bracket, etc. What are they set apart for in these areas of their lives?


Transition

As Christians, we believe that we exist for God. And, the truest satisfaction and fulfillment in life is when we are found living in God’s will for our lives – being set apart for His purposes.

2. **Scripture teaches us that God desires for us to live consecrated lives. Why do you think God desires this?**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect question for members to share their thoughts. The starting point to answer this question is to come back to the character of God. Scripture teaches us that God is a good Father. Everything that He does is out of His goodness towards us. Therefore, His instruction for us to be consecrated is for our own good. God knows that if we live our lives divorced from Him, we can never be fruitful. But if our lives are consecrated to His will and His ways,



we will be able to live the abundant life that Jesus bought for us on the cross – one that is fruitful and purposeful.

Transition

Without consecration, we can never be all that God wills for us to be – fruitful. Consecration, however, begins by us ministering unto the Lord.

- 3. Ministering unto the Lord can be a challenge for many of us in fast-paced Singapore. We live in a culture where time is an expensive commodity. Discuss as a cell on how we can find time to minister unto the Lord in spite of our busy schedules.**

Leader's Notes

This is a response question for members to have some handles on how to practically implement in their lives what they have learnt through the message. Time is a big issue for many when it comes to ministering unto the Lord. One key issue as to why many Christians cannot find time to minister unto the Lord is boundaries. Christians must learn to put boundaries on their work life, and set aside regular times with the Lord. If there are no boundaries protecting our times with the Lord, then our times with the Lord were never a priority in the first place.

Closing

As we seek to become a church on fire, we must individually position ourselves daily to minister unto the Lord so that we can live consecrated lives resulting in an abundance of fruitfulness.

PRAYER

Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- For us to protect our secret places with the Lord.
- For us to live lives that are consecrated unto God's ways and will for our lives.

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- Pray for God's protection especially from the Omicron variant.
- Pray that the community cases will be low.

3. World

- A swift end to the COVID-19 crisis globally, if not a reduction in cases in third world nations, and a stable environment where humans and virus coexist.
- Pray for peace especially in areas of conflict (Ukraine) and potential conflict – China & Taiwan.

4. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness




ANNOUNCEMENTS

Digital Bulletin: rlc.sg/bulletin

- 1. Anniversary Sermon Series – Church on Fire. 7 Aug – 4 Sep.** This series will draw lessons from Hezekiah’s reforms in 2 Chronicles 29-31.
 - 07 Aug – Positioned to Prosper
 - 14 Aug – Consecrated Leadership (No 2nd service & Guest Lounge)
 - 21 Aug – Presence-Centred Worship
 - 28 Aug – Celebrating Jesus (No 2nd service & Guest Lounge)
 - 04 Sep – Contribute to God’s House
- 2. 31st Anniversary Celebration Calendar.**
 - *Sat, 27 Aug.*
 - 10am – 1pm. Chinese Service (Victory Chapel)
 - 2.30pm – 4.00pm. English Service (Worship Centre).
 - 4pm – 6pm. Celebration Carnival (Atrium).
 - *Sun, 28 Aug.*
 - 9am – 11am. Bilingual Anniversary Service (Worship Centre) with concurrent children’s services (Pre-School @ Level 2 Classrooms, Primary @ Grace Chapel).
 - 11am – 1pm. Celebration Carnival.
 - ***Note:** No second service & Guest Lounge
 - *Sat, 03 Sep.*
 - RCS Run for Families. \$65 per pax. Link: rlc.sg/run2022.
- 3. Alpha @ RiverLife. 20 Aug – 29 Oct.** Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes a short video and a discussion at the end where you can ask anything or share your thoughts. Sign up online: rlc.sg/join-alpha.
- 4. Marriage Preparation Course. Sundays, 4 Sep – 2 October, 1.45pm-5pm. \$280 per couple.** This course is specially tailored for couples exploring marriage or planning to get married in the next 2 years. This course covers Biblical foundations and practical principles needed to build a God-centered Marriage. Register: rlc.sg/mpc.
- 5. Equip by Peter Tsukahira. 6, 13, 20 & 27 September via Zoom.** This is a seminar organised by the Bartley Family of Churches in order to equip Christians that are called into the marketplace as disciples of God’s kingdom. Details can be found in the digital bulletin.
- 6. RiverLife Missions Upcoming Trips.** Signup: rlc.sg/signupformissions.
 - **Medical Mission Trip to Sarangani, South Philippines. 20-24 October. Cost: \$800.** We are looking for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and healthcare professionals to join us for this trip. Team members will help to dispense medication, take basic vital statistics, interact with families, pray for the sick and share the Gospel.

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- **Encounter Camp & Revival Rallies, Asansol, India. 30 Sep – 6 Oct. \$1200.** Serve local churches through studying God’s Word and corporate worship.
7. **Call for Musicians and Vocalists.** The Worship & Music ministry is on the lookout for musicians and vocalists – keyboardist, electric guitarist, bassist, drummer and singers. If you are interested, you can sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Do note that an audition will be required before joining the ministry.
 8. **Call for SuperLife Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children and a desire to disciple them in their spiritual journey, come be a part of the SuperLife team. Sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Immediate needs:
 - *SuperLife Primary Teacher* (Serve twice a month. Facilitate small group discussions after each Bible lesson, connect and pray with the children, be involved in SuperLife Ministry events, etc.)
 - *Special Needs Chaperone.* (Serve twice a month. Provided 1-1 support to children with special needs and help facilitate an inclusive environment between children with and without special needs.)
 9. **F&B Related Ministries Recruitment.** We're looking for RiverLifers who love connecting with new people and enjoy cooking and serving. Team members will serve once a month. For more details Karen Koh (Welcome Lounge) at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg and Jonathan Cho (The Café and Volunteers Corner) at jonathancho@riverlife.org.sg.
 10. **Technical & Production (TAP) Ministry Recruitment.** The TAP ministry comprises five teams – audio, graphics, lighting, sound and video – and they all work as one in partnership with the Holy Spirit to support an atmosphere that allows the congregation to encounter God. We are now opening up recruitment for this ministry. If you desire to take the next step in your walk with God through starting to serve, we invite you to sign up to explore serving in one of the five TAP teams. You may sign up online at rlc.sg/serve or refer to our [digital bulletin](#) for more details.
 11. **RiverLife Community Services (RCS).** In 2021, RCS focused on providing relief to families who were badly affected by the pandemic. We believe that in this season, God is calling RCS to build loving families and strong communities. Listed below are opportunities where you can serve or give to RCS:
 - You can serve as a volunteer in one of our programmes to befriend and build relationships with children, youth, mothers and lower-income families. Find out more here: rlc.sg/rcs2022.
 - You can sow by contributing financially too. Your giving will go into initiatives such as grocery distributions and various programmes that will help our beneficiaries build resilience and break free from the poverty cycle. Find out more by writing to RCS at office@rcs.org.sg.
 - RCS is also looking to partner with organizations (donations of essential items – toiletries, wearables, etc). To find out more, write to us at volunteer@rcs.org.sg.

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- RCS is looking for 20 Food Collection Helper/Driver that is able to help with the loading/unloading of fresh food items at blocks where we are reaching out to. **Commitment:** Minimally once a month for 6 months, Saturdays, 12-4pm. Contact: rlcares@rcs.org.sg.

12. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search '**The RiverLife Podcast**' on Spotify.
13. **Spiritual Growth Resources.** We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.
14. **Cradle Roll.** Our Cradle Roll is open from 9am to 10.30am every Sunday for children 24 months and below. *NO booking of tickets is required.*
15. **Prayer Ministry.** If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. unforgiveness, demonic oppression, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>
16. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting: <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
17. **Testimony.** If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.

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