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IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD

If I am a Christian, everything I am and have belongs to God. God says, **“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.*”** ~1 Corinthians 6:19-20. If He owns me, He owns all I have! Take tithing for instance. Many Christians think tithing means the first tenth belongs to God and 90% belongs to me to do with as I please. No, it’s all His, to be used for His glory. G. Campbell Morgan said, “The man who takes his income and says, One-tenth is God’s and nine-tenths is mine would make a bad Jew and certainly not a good Christian.” It’s easy to sing “I surrender all...” but I don’t think very many Christians truly know what total surrender to Christ really means.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THIS?

“And when he had called the people *unto him, with his disciples also, he saith unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*” ~Mark 8:34-38

BE YE SEPARATE

A.W. Tozer said: “It is no more than a religious platitude to say that the trouble with us today is that we have tried to bridge the gulf between two opposites, the world and the church, and have performed an illicit marriage for which there is no biblical authority. Actually, no real union between the world and the Church is possible. When the Church joins up with the world it is the true Church no longer but only a pitiful hybrid thing, an object of smiling contempt to the world and an abomination to the Lord.” We have too many “betweenites” today; those who try to walk with one foot in the world and one in the Church. The whole matter of salvation involves separation. We were once a part of this old sinful world but God has placed us in His dear family. His call is not to amalgamate with the world but to **“Come out from among them and be ye separate.”** Separation from the world for God’s people is not optional, it’s obligatory! To have it otherwise is sin! I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14-17; Ephesians 5:11.