

# 1 - Consecration's Goal

GFA Family Conference 2023

Jim Berg, DMin  
BJU Seminary Professor of Biblical Counseling  
Freedom That Lasts Founder

1

# Misunderstanding Consecration

2

## Consecration and Sanctification

### Wesleyan View

3

## Consecration and Sanctification

### Keswick View

4

## Consecration and Sanctification

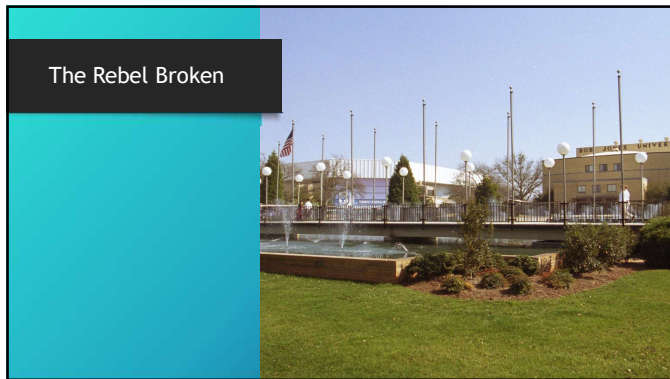
### Chafarian View (also Charles Ryrie)

5

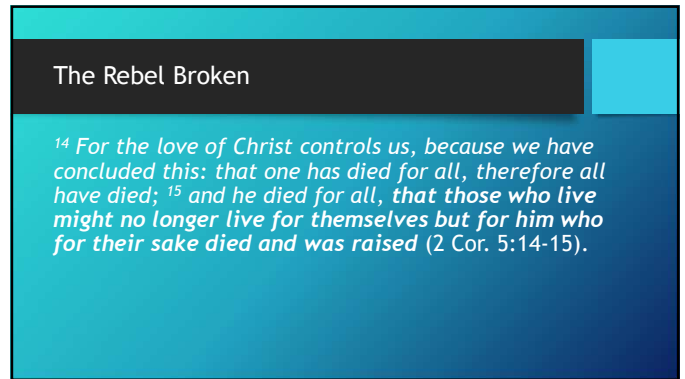
## Consecration and Sanctification

### Reformation View

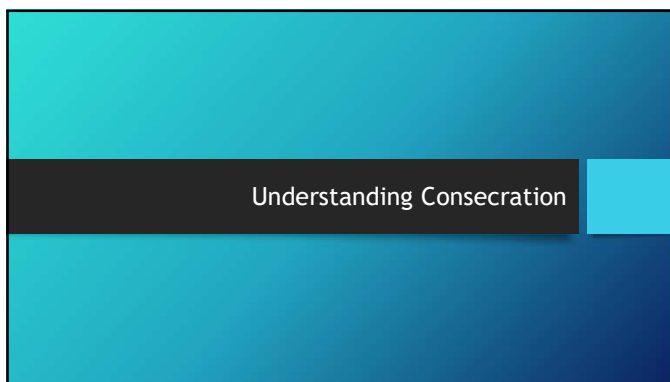
6



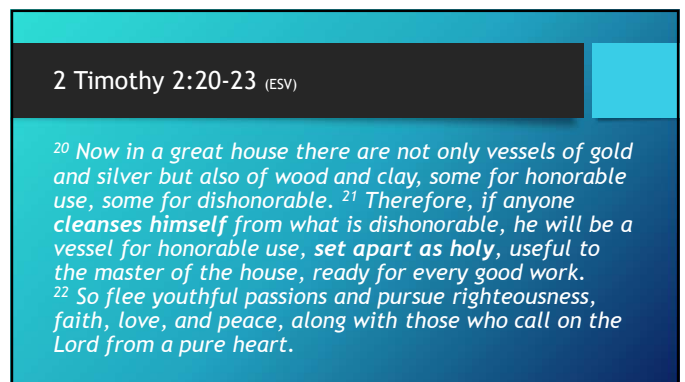
7



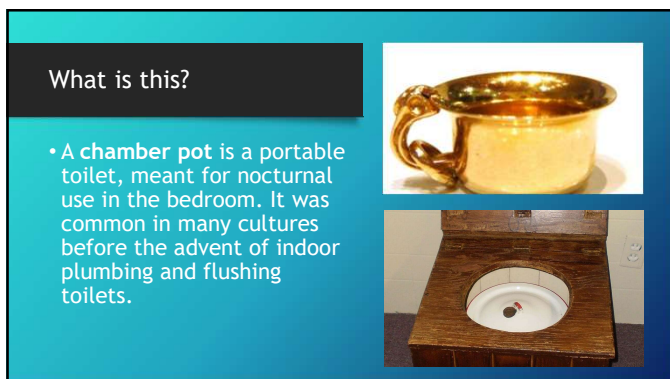
8



9



10



11



12

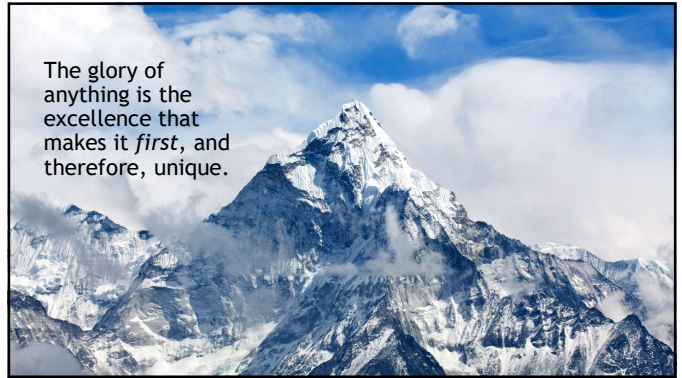
**Consecration**

“Cleansing someone or something from sin and ritual impurity, and then dedicating the person or thing for a specific **purpose**.” (Logos, “consecration”)

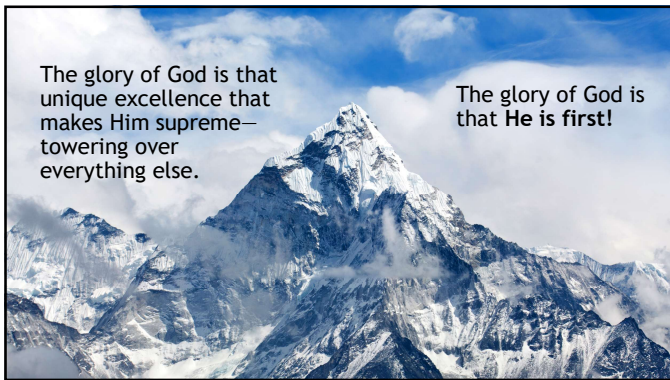
The goal of consecration is **usefulness** for displaying **God’s glory**.

What does it mean to live for God’s glory?

13



14



15

**Falling Short of the Glory of God**

- Man was created to bear witness of God’s unique excellence.
- When Adam fell, he put **himself** first.
- He fell short of his purpose of reflecting and enjoying God’s unique excellence—His glory.
- The greatest “disorder” is that any person should place himself first before God.

16

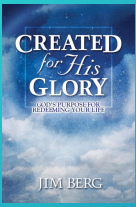
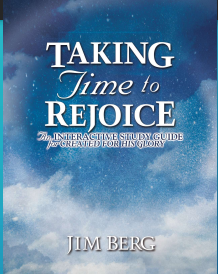

**Displaying the Glory (the Firstness) of God**

- Consecration is the growing commitment to show others that **God is first**, above all.

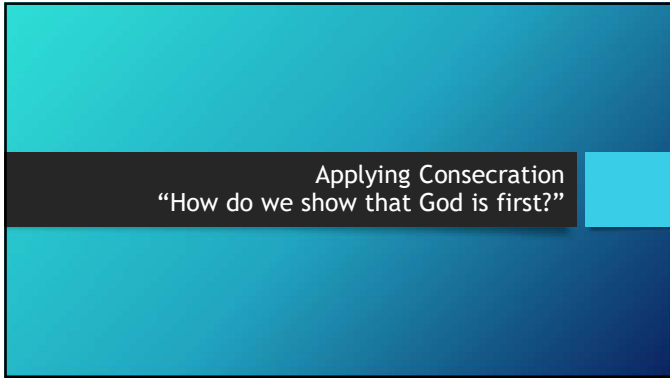
*<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).*

17

**Shameless Promotion**  
JimBerg.com

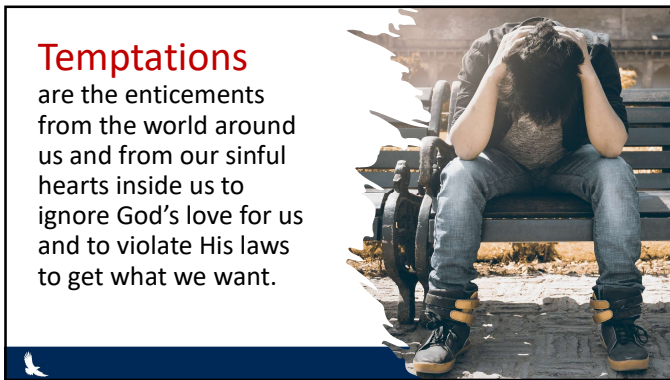
18



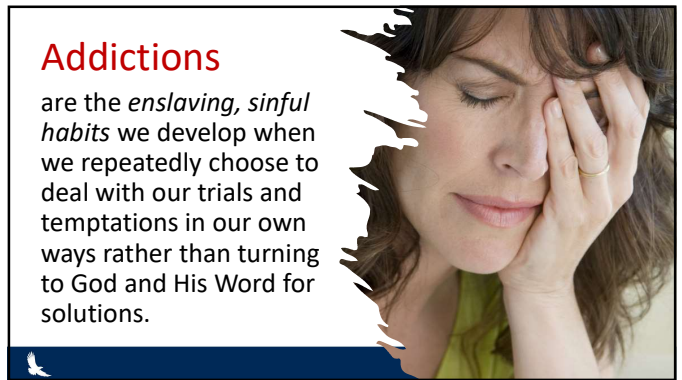
19



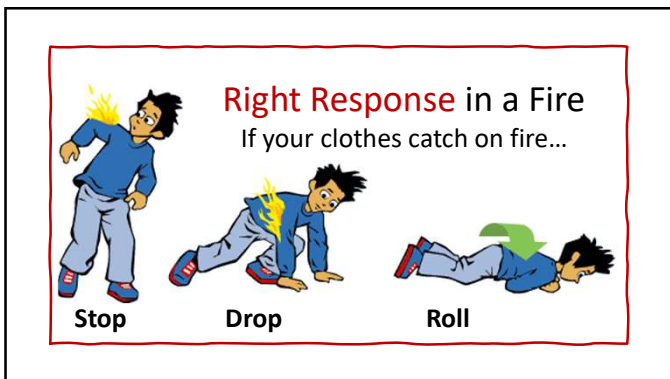
20



21



22



23



24

**Right Response** in a Trial or a Temptation (Putting God First)



**Bow**



**Trust**

**Yes,  
Lord.**

**Obey**

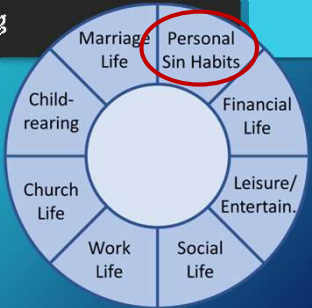
25

We must show that “God is first”. . .

- By daily seeking to know Him and His ways or we revert to “Me-Firstness.”
- By responding to trials and temptations with BTO.
- By making God-honoring decisions
  - About our marriages.
  - About our parenting.
  - About our ministries.

26

Problems on the Donut Ring



27

Problems on the Donut Ring

*<sup>20</sup> And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person” (Mark 7:20-23).*



28

Consecration

*Who is on your throne?  
Who are you putting first?*



29

2 Timothy 2:20-23 (ESV)

*<sup>20</sup> Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. <sup>22</sup> So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

30

## Credits

The charts (with the exception of the fourth chart modified by Berg) are taken from "Keswick Theology: A Survey and Analysis of The Doctrine of Sanctification in the Early Keswick Movement" in Andrew David Naselli's March 19, 2008 outline for the William R. Rice Lecture Series at Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary. He references his sources for the charts as Charles C. Ryrie, *Balancing the Christian Life* (Chicago: Moody, 1969), pp. 183-184, 187; and H. Wayne House, *Charts of Christian Theology and Doctrine* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992), pp. 111-113.

Mt. Everest photo is purchased from iStock-485966046 and used with permission.

31

## 1 - Consecration's Goal

Jim Berg, DMin  
 BJU Seminary Professor of Biblical Counseling  
 Freedom That Lasts Founder

32