

SEVEN SECRETS OF FULLY-DEVOTED LIVING
F B Meyer - Light on Life's Duties

1. MAKE A DEFINITE CONSECRATION OF YOURSELF TO GOD.

- **Take my life** and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee.
- Take my **hands** and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love.
- Take my **feet** and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee.
- Take my **voice** and let me sing, always--only--for my King.
- Take my **lips** and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.
- Take my **silver** and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
- Take my **moments** and my days, let them flow in endless praise.
- Take my **intellect** and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.
- Take my **will** and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
- Take my **heart**, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
- Take my **love**, my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
- **Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.**—Francis Havergal

2. TELL GOD THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO BE MADE WILLING ABOUT ALL.

"You will never be happy until you let the Lord Jesus keep the house of your nature, closely scrutinizing every visitor and admitting only His friends. He must reign. He must have all or none. He must have the key of every closet, of every cupboard, and of every room. Do not try to make them fit for Him. Simply give Him the key. He will cleanse and renovate and make beautiful."

3. RECKON ON CHRIST TO DO HIS PART PERFECTLY.

"Directly you give, He takes. Directly you open the door, He enters. Directly you roll back the floodgates, He pours in a glorious tide of fullness; fullness of wealth, of power, of joy....We shall not fail in realizing the highest ideal of which we are capable, if only we will let Him do His work unhindered."

4. CONFESS SIN INSTANTLY.

"Do not wait for the evening to come, or until you can get alone, but there in the midst of the crowd, in the

very rush of life, with the footprints of sin still fresh, lift up your heart to your merciful and ever-present Saviour, and say 'Lord Jesus, wash me now from that sin, in Thy precious blood, and I shall be whiter than snow.' The blood of Jesus is ever at work...but it is our part to apply for it to cleanse from conscious and known sins so soon as we are aware of their presence in our lives."

5. HAND OVER TO CHRIST EVERY TEMPTATION AND CARE.

"When you feel temptation approaching you, as a bird by some quick instinct is aware that the hawk is hovering near, then instantly lift your heart to Christ for deliverance....And when any petty annoyance or heavy worry threatens to mar your peace, in the flash of a moment, hand it over to Jesus....'Ah' you say, 'I wish indeed I could live like this, but in the moment of need I forget to look.' Then do this, trust in Christ to keep you trusting. Look to Him so to abide in you as to keep you abiding. In the early morning entrust to Him the keeping of your soul, and then as hour succeeds to hour

expect Him to keep that which you have committed unto Him."

6. KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CHRIST.

"Avoid the spirit of fault-finding, criticism, uncharitableness, and anything inconsistent with His perfect love. Go where He is most likely to be found, either where two or three of His children are gathered, or where the lost sheep is straying. Ask Him to wake you morning by morning for communion and Bible-study. Make other time in the day, especially in the still hour of the evening twilight...when you shall get alone with Him, telling Him all things and reviewing the past under the gentle light which streams from His eyes."

7. EXPECT THE HOLY GHOST TO WORK IN, WITH, AND FOR YOU.

"When a man is right with God, God will freely use him. There will rise up within him impulses, inspirations, strong strivings, strange resolves. These

must be tested by Scriptures and prayer, and if evidently of God they must be obeyed....God's commands are enablings. He will never give us a work to do without showing exactly how and when to do it, and without giving us the precise strength and wisdom we need. Do not dread to enter this life because you fear that God will ask you to do something you cannot do. He will never do that. If He lays something on your heart, He will do so irresistibly; and as you pray about it, the impression will continue to grow, so that presently, as you look up to know what He wills you to say or do, the way will suddenly open, and you will probably have said the word, or done the deed, almost unconsciously....After all the sheep does not keep the shepherd, the shepherd keeps the sheep."