**Soul’d Out**

**Consecration**

**Level 4 Lesson 29**

**Teens**

* **Introduction**

Consecration means *full devotion*. It’s the kind of devotion that sets you apart from others. This means living a life surrendered to the Lord, accepting His will for us, and seeking that will each day.

* **Lesson**

We are living for God, right? Well, we say we are, but are we? This can be an extremely uncomfortable question. Well, we need to compare our life to the Word.

*Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*

*Act 2:37  Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

*Act 2:38  Then Peter said unto them****, Repent****, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

*Act 2:39  For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

*Act 2:40  And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.*

*Act 2:41  Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

When the Jews realized that they had crucified the one true God of Israel, they asked the Apostles how in the world do we get out of this mess? The first thing that Peter told them was to Repent! What a way to start. Basically, get rid of anything that keeps you from being fully devoted to God. Remember, they weren’t talking to idol worshipers. They were talking to the religious Jews. They needed to consecrate their life, big time!

That was just the beginning! We must repent all along the way of this Christian walk. We don’t want to just get by, “by the hair of our chinny chin chin!” Besides, we have some important things we want God to do for us and through us. Consecration is the key.

All throughout the history of Israel, when they needed God in a big way, they consecrated themselves. They purified themselves from anything that they thought God wasn’t happy about.

*Gen 35:1  And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.*

*Gen 35:2  Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:*

Idolatry, uncleanness, and what they were wearing mattered!

*Gen 35:3  And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.*

*Gen 35:4  And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.*

*Gen 35:5  And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.*

Jacob knew he had to get serious with God when he went home to see his brother, who hated him, and his father. He needed power with God! And because of their consecration, God protected them.

Have you ever felt hesitant to believe God for a miracle, or even for a blessing? Could it be that maybe we know something about ourselves that needs to be brought under subjection to God and consecrated? Just think, if we got ourselves cleaned up and focused, what God could do with us, through us, for us!!!

Sometimes we think of big things. Maybe, we even think of things that others need to do, but maybe we need to tweak our attitude about something. Just something that most people wouldn’t even consider sin, could be what we need to consecrate.

So, Repent…change…adjust…consecrate…purify…what is it? Most likely, we will be consecrating ourselves until the rapture of the Church out of this world, but we cannot get comfortable with things that come between us and God.

* **Activity**

Have the students think of something that is especially important to them that they want God to do for them.

Then write a list of possibilities of things that they need to consecrate to God. Note that this consecration may just be the thing that will bring their greatest desire to God’s immediate attention.

It is not best to share these personal thoughts with others. But give the students time to work on this. You could make up a special paper for them to write on. Then they can take it home, pray about it, and begin to work on their consecration.

Try not to let students that are not serious about this activity distract those that are. Make it a sort of a quiet, working prayer time.