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Unlock Your
Potential

Devoted

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Review

1. Right Foundation

- ▶ Integrating God's Love

2. Right Who and Right Tools

- ▶ Who changes us - Holy Spirit (not us)
- ▶ Holy Spirit gives us supernatural gifts to change

3D Christian

- ▶ If you want to be all you can be, not shallow but complete, then you need to be...
 1. Devoted
 2. Discipled
 3. Delivered

Devoted

- ▶ Being intensely or passionately dedicated to, concentrated on and loyal to a cause, enterprise or activity
- ▶ Acts 2:42 (ESV) - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Devotion means...Acts 2:42-47

- ▶ Time commitment - "Every day" - Acts 2:46
- ▶ Life focus - "Devoted to" list - Acts 2:42
- ▶ Intensity - "awe", "sold property" - v. 43,45
- ▶ Passion - "glad and sincere hearts" - v.46

How does your Devotion level compare?

Devotion to what

- ▶ Apostles teaching - Scripture, preaching and teaching in worship times, Bible Study
- ▶ The fellowship - The group, persons, other believers - "one another" - being with others and focusing time, money and attention to
- ▶ Breaking of bread - time together, eating together, sharing life together
- ▶ The prayers - time of prayer, talking with God, coming to source of life

Devotion = Surrender All

- ▶ Romans 12:1- Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
- ▶ Sacrifice life - give up control = surrender all to God
- ▶ God's mercy - Christ's sacrifice for us
- ▶ Blank check of life, "I'm all in"

“Surrender All” - what and how

- ▶ Romans 12:2 - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- ▶ World wants to determine your time, your focus, your values
- ▶ Don’t just “let life happen” or “take it as it comes”
- ▶ Be transformed - work of the Holy Spirit

Renew your mind!

We make choices, God makes changes

- ▶ You become what you think about
 - Earl Nightingale

1. Time in Scripture - daily Bible reading
 1. Read before play, God before entertainment
2. Filter what you listen to/watch/read
 1. PluggedIn.com
 2. Check out lyrics
 3. Turn it off

Choices to change to be Devoted

- ▶ Time
- ▶ Focus
- ▶ Intensity
- ▶ Passion