

he was the most diligent persecutor the church had; but when he became a Christian, his consecration was just as great. The true Christian will be willing to do anything God indicates.

When God asked Abraham to take his son and offer him as a sacrifice, he did not hesitate to follow God's command. Taking his son and two servants, Abraham set out for the place appointed for the sacrifice. Arriving at the mountain the third day, Isaac asked, "Behold, the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" *Genesis 22:7*. Abraham told the lad that God would provide the lamb for the burnt offering. Abraham did not know how he would be able to carry out God's command, but he had faith to believe that God would provide a solution. He would not withhold anything from God, so complete was Abraham's surrender. God honored his dedication and provided a sacrifice so that Abraham could obey God's command and at the same time have his son alive.

Let us trust God. Let us not be afraid to do His will, to keep His commandments - the will of Christ. He makes Himself responsible for our welfare. If, when we have been disobedient, either willfully or through a lack of knowledge, God has cared for us, is He likely to fail us when we step out to obey Him?

In this solemn moment, may we invite you to bow your head and tell the Lord you will follow Jesus all the way. Tell Him, in your own way, that you surrender fully to do His will, put your hand in the hand of Jesus to go all the way with Him.

Having done this, register your decision by marking the squares below.

I yield myself to Christ completely just now. ☐

Pray for me that I may have God's help to hold fast to my decision. ☐

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About Following Jesus All the Way

***Always pray before opening your Bible.
Find the text in your Bible and write the answer.***

One of the most pathetic stories recorded in the Bible is that of the rich young ruler who came to Jesus seeking eternal life. Is this story a reflection of our own experience? You will find the story recorded in *Matthew 19:16-22*.

The story is beautifully presented in the book *The Desire of Ages*, pages 518-520, in these words: "And when He was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" ...

"This ruler had a high estimate of his own righteousness. He did not really suppose that he was defective in anything, yet he was not altogether satisfied. He felt the want of something that he did not possess. Could not Jesus bless him as He blessed the little children, and satisfy his soul want?"

In reply to this question Jesus told him that obedience to the commandments of God was necessary if he would obtain eternal life; and He quoted several of the commandments which show man's duty to his fellowmen. The ruler's answer was positive: "All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?"

"Christ looked into the face of the young man, as if reading his life and searching his character. He loved him, and He hungered to give him that peace and grace and joy which would materially change his character."