

March 14 **Who am I yielding to, is it myself or God?** By Oswald Chambers

...You are that one's slaves (either of sin or God) whom you obey... Romans 6:16

The first thing I must be willing to admit when I begin to examine what controls and dominates me is that I am the one responsible for having yielded myself to whatever it is. If I am a slave to myself, I am to blame because somewhere in the past I yielded to myself (we all have, and in Isaiah 53:6 God says that's what sin is). But, if I obey God I do so because at some point in my life I yielded myself to Him (that is righteousness).

If a child gives in to selfishness, they will find it to be the most enslaving tyranny on earth. There is no power within the human soul itself that is capable of breaking the bondage of the nature created by yielding. For example, yield for one second to anything in the nature of lust, and although you may hate yourself for having yielded, you become enslaved to that thing. (Remember what lust is— "I must have it now," whether it is the lust of the flesh or the lust of the mind.) No release or escape from it will ever come from any human power, but only through the power of redemption. You must yield yourself in utter humiliation to the only One who can break the dominating power in your life, namely, the Lord Jesus Christ: **...God has anointed Me** (by His Holy Spirit) **to preach** (words of) **deliverance to the captives**-Luke 4:18, Isaiah 61:1.

When you yield to something, you will soon realize the tremendous control it has over you. Even though you say, "Oh, I can give up that habit whenever I like," you will know you can't. You will find that the habit absolutely dominates you because you willingly yielded to it. It is easy to sing, "He will break every fetter," while at the same time living a life of obvious slavery to yourself. But yielding to Jesus will break every kind of slavery in any person's life (after forgiveness this is ongoing salvation from sin).

Here's a short addition, on how to do it, to Oswald Chambers' inspired message above

What does yielding to Jesus mean, how do I do it so that He can free me from slavery? I admit my captivity. I ask God to free my will, my soul. By His word and Spirit He does:

Ps 18:3 **I will call upon the LORD** (in prayer from my heart) **who is to be praised,**
So I will be saved from my enemies (He answers such a prayer with this:)

Rom 1:16 **...The gospel** (the living word) **of Christ, for it is the power of God for being saved from sin** (me) **to everyone who believes** (not in my head, but in my heart, my spirit, the words that God speaks and causes to come alive, to me.)

Acts 1:8 (Then) **You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come into you...**

Acts 5:32 (If) **...The Holy Spirit who God gives to all who (are willing to) obey Him.**

Gal 3:2 (How) **...Did you receive the Holy Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard** (His promise to you – like Acts 5:32 above)?

Gal 5:1 **Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free** (keep on believing Christ the Word and keep on obeying Christ the Holy Spirit - His spiritual flesh and blood) **don't be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.**