



## **Today is the Day, O Christian!**

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)*

The title of my message today is "Today is the Day, O Christian!" Let me share with you a poem the Lord lead me to write many months ago:

*Today is the day, O Christian!  
Today is the day to abide in Him.  
Will thou be ashamed before Him at His coming?  
Today is the day to serve Him.  
Will thou hide thy talent?  
Will thou not rather have Him say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."  
Today is the day to be zealous for Him.  
Does thou not have only one lifetime?  
Will thou not give thine all unto Him?  
Today is the Day, O Christian!*

The title of my message today is "Today is the Day, O Christian!" Yesterday at work an old family friend came to visit my father and I was shocked how he became for I have not seen for about three years. He is now in a wheelchair and is very up in years and he has aged much. He doesn't know the Lord but acknowledges Him and that all things come from Him. When I saw him yesterday it made a big impact on me. I saw how I have only one life and how I should not waste it. God gave us only one life and the best thing we can do is to give our life back to Him. The most reasonable thing we can do is to give our bodies and lives as a living sacrifice to God.

The bible says in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." God paid a big price to redeem us. It costs Him the blood of His dear Son, the Lord Jesus. The most rational thing we can do is to live for God "for we are not our own."

Why did Christ die? You might say for our sins. True. You might say to save us from Hell. True again. But the bible says also in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 "For the

love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." Christ died for us and the most rational thing we can do is to live for Him. Paul says in Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." So I encourage you today to live for Christ for Christ said "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it." (Mark 9:35)

True happiness is to live for God and for Christ! True happiness is to be a slave of Christ and a slave of righteousness rather than a slave of sin. The bible says in Romans 6:16 "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" And in Romans 6:20-22 we read "For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life."

So my exhortation to you today is "Today is the day, O Christian!" Today is the day to live for Him! Today is the day to serve Him! Today is the day to be used by Him! You have no guarantee of tomorrow. Let's live life to the fullest. True life and true happiness is found in Christ. Jesus said "I have come that they might have life and life more abundantly" (John 10:10). God gave you gifts and talents, so use them to the maximum for His glory. Don't hide your talents like the unprofitable servant. You might say "I want to be more consistent in my bible reading" or "I want a better prayer life" and so on and so on. So my message to you is "Today is the day, O Christian!" Start today! Don't delay!

I will close with the words of a well-known poem:

*"Only one life,  
'Twill soon be past;  
Only what's done  
For Christ will last."*

Father help us to live for you and give ourselves completely to you as a living sacrifice. Help us to live our all to you. In Christ name, Amen.

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