

dedicated to a great big God

take a moment to remind yourself...

Okay, so you know you need to be dedicated to God. After all, He's a big God and He deserves all your attention. **But what does that mean?**

why be dedicated to God?

- Because He's given you **Jesus!** In Christ, God took all your sin, shame and guilt and **nailed** it up to a cross with His Son. He loves you!
- Because God in fact **loves** you so much that He wants to have an **intimate** relationship with you. He wants it so badly that He, the God of heaven and creator of the universe, was willing to **die** for you. Ever wonder why?
- Because He promises that if you follow Him, He will give you a **new life** in Him - knowing His **love, peace and joy**. He promises to give you eternal life with Him. He promises to completely **satisfy** you and give you purpose and direction.
- Because He deserves it!

John 3:16

what's being dedicated?

- It's recognising that God is **worth** living for. It's recognising that you need to **focus** your life on Him.
- It's giving God **everything you are**. It's not giving Him your Sundays or a quick prayer before bed. It's giving Him each moment of each day. It's living life, **day in, day out**, for Him.
- It's admitting you can't **serve** more than one master! God wants to be able to say you're His! You can't serve the world **AND** try and serve God. It just doesn't work.
- It's being on **fire** for God. It's not letting yourself be lukewarm - God wants you burning up for Him!
- It's giving up your life to give it to Him. God calls us to be living sacrifices. That's giving up the **junk** we waste our time on and follow Him no matter the **cost**.

Luke 5:1-11, Ex 20:1-11, Matt 16:24-25, Rom 12:1-2, Matt 6:24, 1 Jn 2:15-17

how do I get dedication?

- You need to be **honest** before God. He's not interested in your excuses. **Get real** with Him. Be realistic. Don't pretend you're serving God when you'd rather be doing the world's thing.
- You need to spend **time** with God - **He longs** to have a relationship with you! No relationship can survive without communication. Spend time with Him - **quality time**, not the dregs from your day. **Pray, hear from Him** through His word, the **Bible**.
- You need to accept that **you will mess up**. Relationships always take sacrifice and devotion. But that doesn't mean you'll always get it right. Just accept that God will never, ever mess up. Don't try to get by your problems alone - you're not superhuman! Take those problems honestly to God. And take them honestly to **other Christians** you trust. Do you need to find someone you can be accountable to?

...onward!