

**THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD
OPEN HEAVENS ASSEMBLY
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DIGGING DEEP**

DEDICATION

Text: Rom 8: 37-39

INTRODUCTION

When God calls a person to His vineyard to be of service to Him, He has inexplicable rewards in store for that individual. When we serve God with our time, energy, skills and resources, His rewards are waiting for us here on earth and also in Heaven. God is never satisfied with a half – hearted effort. In Rom 12: 1, God demands from true Christian **absolute devotion** for the purpose for which He has called them. We all are expected to demonstrate a very high level of dedication to God Almighty just as Jesus Christ in John 4: 34. You too must prove to God that you are dedicated to Him.

A. WHAT IS DEDICATION?

- 1) Setting apart or consecrating for a special purpose. 2 Cor 6: 16-17
- 2) Commit oneself to a course of action. Putting Christ first. Psa 119: 60
- 3) Determination to follow Jesus Christ no matter what. Matt 10:22
- 4) Dedication keeps the Christian standing and willing to do more. Eph. 6:13.
- 5) The will to pray, fast and watch often. 1 Thess. 5:17, Rev 3: 11

B. PRACTICAL COST OF DEDICATION

- 1) Trails: 2 Cor. 11: 22 – 29
- 2) Accusations: Gen. 39: 11 – 21

C. BENEFITS OF BEING DEDICATED TO GOD

- 1) Answered prayers. 1 John 5: 14
- 2) Chosen of the Lord. John 15:16
- 3) Divine favour. Psa 5: 12; Psa 84: 11
- 4) Divine reward. 1 Cor. 15:58; 1 Cor. 2: 9
- 5) Divine blessing. Prov. 10:22; Jer. 17:7 – 8

CONCLUSION

Being dedicated does not mean slavery but it is our reasonable service according to Rom. 12: 1; Ex. 23: 25. It is an offering or sacrifice of oneself before God. People like Moses, Joshua, David, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Apostles Peter, John, Paul just to mention a few became Kingdom celebrities/stars and stalwarts here on earth as they gave their ALL in service unto God. Finally, your change of position is tied to your dedication to God. Make your life a seed for God so that you can bear much fruits. John.12:24 and Col. 3: 23 – 24.