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Yield Pt 2 Yield our members as instruments of righteousness unto God

This is our second study on the word yield. In our previous study we established three points– (1) when we till the ground it yields strength, (2) trees yield fruit, (3) some seeds yield no fruit, others one hundred fold. In this teaching we establish a further three points– (1) To whom ye yield yourselves unto– ye are servants to obey, (2) Israel were to yield unto the Lord – when they did they yielded fruit, and (3) Christians are to yield their members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. To whom ye yield yourselves unto – ye are servants to obey.

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom.6:16).

2. Israel were to yield unto the Lord when they did they were blessed & yielded fruit

“Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you” (2Chr.30: 8).

3. Christians are to yield their members as instruments of righteousness unto God

“Let not sin reign in your mortal bodies, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God” (Rom.6: 12, 13).

Illustration

Daniel purposed not to defile His God, in doing so he showed to the king of Babylon that he would not serve, nor yield unto what the king had portioned for them to eat and drink – “Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself” (Dan.1: 8).

Whereas the nation of Israel sinned when they yielded unto their lusts–

“We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly...They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert” (Ps.106:6,13–14).

Question to think about.

How do we practically yield our members servants to righteousness unto holiness?

Answer from the scriptures

We practically yield our members unto righteousness when we obey the word of God, the holy scriptures, which manifests itself in –pray, surrender to to our Heavenly Father, dying daily (1 Cor15:31), walking in the Spirit and not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh, fearing God and departing from iniquity (Prov.16: 6), using the weapons (2 Cor.10: 1–5) and armour of God (Eph.6: 17) to defend ourselves.

We cannot shine as lights, we cannot yield fruit while we choose to serve sin, so let us yield our members as instruments of righteousness unto holiness, the end everlasting life!

Other verses not specifically part of this study.

To yield is to bring forth our bodies and not serve any god except the one true God!
“Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed [be] the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God” (Dan 3:28).

Flattering lips force a man to yield submit unto a strange woman

“That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words” (Prov.7: 5).

“With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him” (Prov.7: 21).

When we die we yield up the ghost

“And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people” (Gen.49: 33). See also Acts 5:1

What does yield up the ghost mean?

To yield up the ghost – let go, or give up the soul

“Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost” (Matt.27: 50).

The wicked desire the net of evil men, but the root of the righteous yields fruit

“The wicked desireth the net of evil [men]: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit” (Prov.12: 12).

The tree of life bares twelve manner of fruits and yielded (bare) her fruit every month

“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations” (Rev.22: 2).