



TRUE FREEDOM IS COMPLETE SURRENDER

January 3 & 4, 2026

5 Areas We Believe We Need a Tight Grip On

- Our _____.
- Our _____.
- Our _____.
- Our _____.
(perfectionistic, fame, social media, sports, etc.)
- Our _____.

3 Realizations to Help Loosen My Grip

1. The tighter the grip, the greater the realization that my hand is actually “_____.”
2. The tighter the grip, the greater the _____ life puts on me.
3. The tighter the grip, the greater the potential to _____ all freedom.

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The Bible calls it _____.

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

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**Jesus says, “If you give Me first place, I'll remove
_____ from every place.”**

Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.

Builder #1 – Surrender builds on _____. (verses 24-25)

Builder #2 – Selfishness builds on _____. (verses 26-27)

3 Realities of Complete Surrender

 **1** _____ everything to God frees my heart from fear.

Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT)

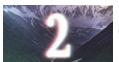
"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear? These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs."

Romans 12:1-2 (TPT)

Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart, for this becomes your genuine expression of worship. Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

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Practical Ways to Give, Yield, and Submit to God Every Day:

1. **_____ each day by praying with _____ hands.**
(Simply say: "God, everything I have is Yours – Lead me. Calm me. Guide me. Hold me.")
2. **_____ God control of _____ area of my life each day.**
(My schedule, my budget, my relationships, my decisions.)
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