

# The Lord's Law of Consecration

Doctrine and Covenants 42:30, 38–39

Doctrine and Covenants 78:3–7

Doctrine and Covenants 105:1–5

Elder D. Todd Christofferson explained:



The Lord's law of consecration (see, for example, D&C 42:32, 53) . . . has an economic role but, more than that, is an application of celestial law to life here and now (see D&C 105:5). To consecrate is to set apart or dedicate something as sacred, devoted to holy purposes. True success in this life comes in consecrating our lives—that is, our time and choices—to God's purposes (see John 17:1, 4; D&C 19:19). In so doing, we permit Him to raise us to our highest destiny. (D. Todd Christofferson, "Reflections on a Consecrated Life," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2010, 16)

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf taught:



*Sacrifice and consecration* are two heavenly laws that we covenant to obey in the holy temple. These two laws are similar but not identical. . . .

*Consecration* is different from sacrifice in at least one important way. When we consecrate something, we don't leave it to be consumed upon the altar. Rather, we put it to use in the Lord's service. We dedicate it to Him and His holy purposes. We receive the talents that the Lord has given us and strive to increase them, manifold, to become even more helpful in building the Lord's kingdom.

Very few of us will ever be asked to *sacrifice* our lives for the Savior. But we are all invited to *consecrate* our lives to Him. (Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "Our Heartfelt All," *Liahona*, May 2022, 124)

**What is the law of consecration? How does it affect me?**

Today, we live this law in different ways. For instance, we serve others, accept callings and assignments in the Church and do our best at them, and pay a full tithe and a generous fast offering. When we do what the prophets and the Holy Ghost direct us to do to build up God's kingdom and help the needy, we are living the law of consecration. ("What is the law of consecration? How does it affect me?," *For the Strength of Youth*, Apr. 2021, 31)