

BURN YOUR PLOWS

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Before a person can begin a new life they first have to deal with the life they have. Before we can be filled with God's Spirit and power, we have to die out to our spirit and our power and our will and our desires. Before a person gets saved they've got to first admit that they are lost. If we want to become a new man or new woman we first have to deal with the old man and old woman. We have to deal with things in our past that will hinder us from possessing God's best in our future.

Elisha is plowing in a field with twelve yoke of oxen, when all of a sudden Elijah comes by and cast his mantle upon him. Elisha knows that something supernatural has taken place. He suddenly feels like God has called him to a greater purpose. He has spent his life looking at the back side of oxen but God is calling him to see different things and go different places and become somebody different than he has been in the past.

I believe that the same God that called Elisha is calling each of us as well. He wants us to shift our focus from the things of this world and start focusing on the things of another world.

Elisha doesn't just stop what he is doing and run after Elijah. No, he makes some decisions that not only is he going someplace different but he is removing the temptation to come back to the things he is leaving. He makes sure that there is nothing to run back to.

Not only does he kill the oxen, he also burns the plows.

Elisha is making a statement. I'm through with my old lifestyle. I'm through with the way I've been living. I'm leaving my old life behind and I am running toward the future that God has called me to.

Most people would like to have the supernatural walk with God that Elisha had but most people aren't willing to do what Elisha did. Are you willing to burn your plows? Are you willing to leave your old life and habits behind? Are you willing to leave the past and the things that you have been depending on to get by and step out by faith and follow God into the future that He has for you?

Killing your oxen and burning your plows might not be easy and it might not feel good or smell good, but I can tell you this, your sacrifice is a sweet smelling incense to the Lord.

It's not about what smells good to us, it's about Him. It's not about what feels good to us, it's about Him. It's not about what we think; it's about what He thinks.

Would you like a double portion of God's Spirit and power in your life? You've got to be willing to burn your plows!