

# Just say yes...

## To A Heart for Christ Alone

### Key points

- The four stages of development according to Glenn McDonald are: Seeker, Beginner, Intermediary, & Mature.
- These roughly parallel the relationship stages I have covered in the past of: Celebrity, Savior, Lord, and Friend.

McDonald suggest the following leaps are needed to span the gaps at each stage so that we have a heart for Christ alone:

### Seeker

From: I am the leader of my life.

To: I realize that I must let Jesus be the leader of my life.

### Beginner

From: Jesus is the leader of some aspects of my life.

To: Jesus is the leader of all aspects of my life.

### Intermediate

From: Jesus may lead all of my life in accordance with my guidelines.

To: Jesus may lead all of my life in any manner he desires.

### Maturity

From: I give my all to Jesus for my fulfillment

To: I give my all to Jesus for his glory.

No matter how you breakdown the progression what is important to realize is the ABSOLUTE TOTALITY of discipleship.

### Discipleship involves yielding over to God:

- **All areas** - Ex. Rich Young Ruler
- **On his terms** - Ex. Those invited to the banquet, but who first wanted to do other things.
- **To His glory** - Ex. Paul, Philippians 1:2 'to live is Christ to die is gain' and Col 3:23-24

### Diagnostic Questions

- 1) **For 'all areas'** - How am I compartmentalizing faith in my life? Do I have God boxed out of certain areas? What idols (other influences) do I follow when making decisions?
- 2) **For 'on his terms'** - Are there ways I am resisting how God wants me to do something? Do I negotiate with God or expect conditions?
- 3) **For 'to His glory'** - What motivates my decisions? What selfish gains or motivations might be driving my decisions?

**What is a next step for you to just say yes to having a heart for Christ alone?**