

Rivers of Living Water

yielding. It is just opening the door. Have you done it? Let us state clearly what this involves.

Yielding to Christ is a *definite* act. It is not an oft-repeated wish that stops in mere desire, but it is a decisive act of the will. Desire becomes decision and decision crystallizes into action. You must say, "I do here and now yield myself unreservedly to Christ."

Yielding to Christ is a *voluntary* act. He stands outside the door but He does not force the lock. He waits for you to open the door. It is Love that desires to enter, but unless met by love the entrance would bring heartache rather than joy. With a smile and a song He wants you to open the door.

Yielding to Christ is a *final* act. If your yielding is such as I have described tonight, then such an act need never be repeated. If done honestly it is for time and for eternity. Through yielding you have acknowledged that you are not your own, you have transferred the ownership of your life to Christ, you have crowned Him Lord and you have placed yourself wholly under His sovereign control. To repeat this initial act implies dishonesty and falseness in ever having done it.

Of course, one does not know at the time of yielding all that is involved in that act or all that it will require of him. It is only after