

## **Windows Of Witness (Frances Havergal)**

Quotations from *50 People Every Christian Should Know* (Wiersbe)

“For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

“Frances Ridley Havergal was to Great Britain what Fanny Crosby was to the United States...” Havergal was born December 14, 1836, in Astley, Worcestershire, England. Her mother died when Frances was only eleven years old. For the next three years, from 1848 to 1851 Havergal struggled over the thoughts of eternity. She was deeply moved in her soul every time she would witness the Lord’s Supper and think of the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1851, the Lord settled Havergal’s soul in the sufficiency of Christ and His gospel, and gave her the “peace of salvation”.

As a young lady, a friend of Frances Havergal mailed her a copy of the booklet entitled “All for Jesus” by J.T. Wrenford. Our Lord used this book to kindle a deep desire in Havergal’s heart, to give the whole of her life for the cause of Christ. She saw the need for “wider usefulness”, “for greater consecration”. In her own words she wrote, “it was...December 2nd, 1873, I first saw clearly the blessedness of true consecration...there must be full surrender before there can be full blessedness.” Out of this surrendered heart she wrote the words to this great hymn:

### "Take My Life and Let it Be"

Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be, Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use, Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee.

I pray God would give to each of us, such a holy desire.

~ Pastor Tim Hodge