

The Demands Of Our King

During his reign, King Frederic William III of Prussia was in trouble. Wars had been costly, and, in trying to build the nation, he was seriously short of money. After careful reflection, he decided to ask the women of Prussia to bring their jewelry to be melted down for their country. For each ornament received, he gave them a decoration of iron as a symbol of gratitude inscribed, "I gave gold for iron, 1813." The women prized the iron from the king more highly than their former jewelry. The reason, of course, was obvious. Their decorations of iron were proof that they had sacrificed for their king and country.

Jesus Christ is more demanding than any earthly leader. Riches, wealth, or possessions cannot stand between us and our King (Mark 10:21-25). Something as dear as one's family cannot stand in the way (Luke 14:26). Even one's own life cannot stand in the way (Mark 8:34-37). We must willingly and freely submit to the demands of our glorious King (Revelation 19:16).

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