

Are You Qualified for the Things of God?

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The Lord gave me this two weeks ago and I am still having a difficult time putting this together. As usual, I have one idea in my head but God has something else. Here is what I know. I know our Lord is asking this because we far too often think we are not qualified for His goodness for whatever reasons or lies we are currently believing. The Lord wants us to understand that we are qualified one way or another; not because of who we are or what we have done but because of Who He is and what He has done.

When I researched this topic (things of God), two passages continually came up:

1 Corinthians 2:10 - But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Mark 8:31-33 - And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

These two passages seem completely opposite of each other yet they are not. They are both speaking of where our hearts and minds are; where our focus is. Here is what I believe the Lord wants us to know. He knows exactly where we are in life, where we were in life, and where He has created us to be. He views our maturity through different eyes than we view one another's. He views what we are capable of through different eyes than we view what another is capable of. There are many times that He will share another's struggles with us. Sometimes this is difficult to handle because we are not sure of how to handle it. We are so "politically correct" charged this day in age that we are unsure of how to handle certain things of God when He gives them to us. I was reminded recently that we are to keep going to Him.

We have become a generation of "solve the issue now" people when the Lord often says "pray, listen, wait, and repeat as needed".

At the time the Lord rebuked Peter, Peter had been with Jesus for most of His ministry. Jesus knew that Peter knew more than he realized regarding the things of God. We all are in different places and the Lord knows exactly where we are. Deep down within ourselves, we know exactly where we are because the Lord tells us in various ways. Are you qualified for the things of God? The short answer is yes. The full answer is we are qualified as much as we allow the Lord into our hearts and remain obedient to His voice. There are infinite levels to our Lord and we each are qualified within specific levels. Then we grow spiritually and become qualified on higher levels with each stage of growth we allow. Know and believe that you are qualified for the things of God and walk it out moment by moment. You are worth it and the world is waiting for it.

Romans 8:19-21 - For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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