

Why Am I Least of All?

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Well, my precious Heartdwellers, I ran across something that was sent to me by Lisa, one of our core members. And it was so on point, and so encouraging for those of us who have suffered these things that I really felt it necessary to share with you. It's from a tract that came from Faith Prayer and Tract League in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

And it begins:

"If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians. And in many ways He will seem to let other people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their successes, of their writings, but Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing. And if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep embarrassment that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold. Namely, a helpless dependence upon Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing. And then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never feel distressed over.

So, make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes in ways that He does not seem to use with others.

Now, when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life - you will have found the entranceway of Heaven.

When you are forgotten or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile in-wardly, glorying in the insult or the oversight, because thereby you're counted worthy to suffer with Christ - that is victory.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence - that is victory.

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God - that is victory." (end of article)

So, I have found every single article of this little paper to be totally accurate in my life, and I think that's one of the reasons why the Lord has kept us hidden for basically 40 years. In the wilderness, hidden, before He brought us into public ministry. And I'm so glad He did - because these are some of the lessons that we learned, that have ended up being our greatest protection.

The Lord bless you, Family. I hope you enjoy this little article. I really feel it's going to give you the strength to persevere.