

Volume 6, Day 6: Where Is My Loyalty?

Joy comes with the perfect fulfillment of that for which I was created and redeemed, not the successful completion of a particular task or project. The joy of Jesus Christ came by doing what the Father sent Him to do. It was this "... joy that was set in His mind..." in His redemption of mankind from the consequences of sin that caused Him to overcome His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and deliver Himself to crucifixion.

Jesus said, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so am I sending you." Have I received God's inspiration for ministry from the Lord? If so, I must be loyal to it. Because of my loyalty in love for God, I will count my life precious only for the purpose of fulfilling that ministry. Think of the satisfaction it will be to hear Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." to know that you have done what He sent you to do.

We have all hope to find our niche in life. Spiritually, we find it when we receive our ministry from the Lord, not our own creativity. In order to do this, we must have become very intimate with Jesus! We must know Him as more than just a personal Savior. I must get beyond my desire to serve Him painlessly. I must be willing "... to endure the great things I must suffer for His sake."

I do not get to choose my place and means of service. I only choose absolute loyalty to Jesus' commission or to my own pursuits. I must be loyal to what I discern when I am in closest contact with God. If I have received a ministry from the Lord Jesus, I will know that the need is never the call. The need is the opportunity. The call is loyalty to the ministry I received when I was intimately in touch with Him.

This does not imply that there is a campaign of service marked out for you, but it does mean that you will have to ignore the natural inclination for service along any other lines.

My Confirming Scriptures

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan