

Count your blessings...

For the glory of God, and the spiritual edification of those who read these testimonies

The Heart of Man

Very often, we use the term 'God understands if I don't go for the meeting', 'He knows how my heart is, how I want to go but there are circumstances', 'I will get the blessings and anointing at home', etc. Anyway, God only looks at our hearts, so therefore, as long as our hearts are clean, and there is want inside to go to the meetings, it is okay. Isn't this what we often say to ourselves? How casually we disregard and dishonour the presence of God! Yes, God understands that you are in difficult circumstances, that you needed to work late, or you got delayed somewhere; He understands that YOU CAN DO BETTER!

Unfortunately for people who give such excuses, there will be no excuse for them on that Judgement Day. What are you going to tell Jesus, when He asks you why you didn't go to the meetings, Sunday worship, etc? Are you going to reply to Him and say, "Lord, I was afraid what my family would say", "Lord I had so many things to do, I just couldn't fit it into my day", or "Lord, I had to tend to my children"?

How sad, when the Lord will reply, "*I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*" (Matthew 7:23). Why, why does the Lord say that He never knew us? It is because you never took any thought for the things which He saw as important. How can you expect to be with Jesus in eternity, when you cannot spend any time here on Earth? It doesn't make sense dear child of God. You will not want to even be in heaven, in fact you will run away from heaven because you will feel that you don't fit in or belong with the people there.

Yes, God knows our hearts. He knows how much we want to be in the presence of God, how much we want to cry to Him, but how hard have tried to go to the House of God, to make the effort, saying, even if I am late, I will go because I want to be in His fellowship. Yes, God looks at the heart, He looks at your heart and my heart and He sees that "*The heart (of man) is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:*" (Jeremiah 17:9).



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Did you realise this dear child of God? Are you able to confess and acknowledge that your heart is *desperately* wicked and deceitful? When you miss meetings giving various excuses, yes you might think that the excuse is valid and legitimate, but be not deceived. Your own heart will give excuses not to be in the presence of God. These thoughts are not from God, they are not directed by the Holy Spirit. You need to be in the Spirit to know what God wants you to do. You cannot trust your own heart even, because your heart is full of the cares of the world, like a sponge, soaking in everything you see, hear, think, etc.

It is never the will of God for you to miss meetings – somehow, you need to cling to God in these last days. You cannot do it on your own, you cannot do it praying only in your own room. Remember, there are certain blessings which can only be obtained in the fellowship of the saints. There are different characteristics of the FRUIT of the Spirit, which can only be formed in the fellowship of the saints. Otherwise you will become a fruit that is not fully formed, a fruit that the husbandman cannot take.

Please take this message seriously and as a warning. No one should be conveniently staying away from the presence of God, because of their duties or responsibilities in life. The first commandment tells us to put God always first before any other things. Are our material things more important than God? Are our children more important than Jesus? Is our job and lifestyle more important than being in His presence? If you are putting these things before God, please stop. Please take a look at those who come to church, carting their children, babies, etc; those who come despite the fact they could earn more money to pay their bills; those who come knowing their family needs to wait for you to cook when you go home after; who are these people? These are they, which love their Maker, above all other things, and those that fear Him, and those who are ardently waiting for the coming of the Lord!

