

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

Psalm 119:10

Store In My Heart

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

In order to be with God and Jesus when this life is over, we must conduct our lives according to their commands.

God has supplied all we need for life. He has left the instruction necessary to prepare for the life that is to come. To be thankful to the Father for what He has provided is only right.

The message left to guide us in this life came through Jesus, the Son of God. We should give close attention to what it demands. Jesus has all authority over all things. Conducting our life according to the will of Jesus, our Savior should be our fervent desire.

Only full submission to the law of God will lead us to the promised eternal rest.



Circumstances

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A slave convinced himself he would obey his master - if the master were "reasonable" in his demands and appreciative of his service. Peter said to obey even the "froward" master *"for conscience toward God,"* and *"for this is acceptable with God"* (**1Peter 2:18-19**).

A wife said her husband was not a Christian, so why should she be subject to him? Peter said she should adorn herself *"in the sight of God"* and she might win her husband by her chaste manner of life (**1Peter 3:1-6**).

A child thought his parents didn't understand him, so he couldn't please them, no matter how he tried. But Paul said, *"obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord"* (**Colossians 3:20**).

A woman thought she couldn't worship God in a city filled with people she had been taught to shun; but Jesus said that true worship was done in spirit and truth, regardless of the location (**John 4:23-24**).

We blame our failures on external circumstances - all would be well if only the surroundings were changed - when the problem is within. If **we** were changed, we would see our circumstances differently. We would look beyond the immediate and inconsequential surroundings to the One whose judgment is the final word. What does **God** want of me? What is **His** will for me? How can I best serve **Him**?

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A church spends thousands of dollars for a "place" of worship, yet may do little to improve the actual "place of worship" - the **hearts** of its members. Call it to their attention and they will have a business meeting - dim the lights - change the order of "service" - more externals!! It's like seeking happiness in **things** of life, and doing nothing to change the heart that must use the things.

Genuine Christianity changes the slave, not the master; the wife, not her circumstances. A child of God is content "in whatsoever state" he may be (Philippians 4:11-13), for he can "do all things through Christ..." He knows there is a circumstance beyond immediate circumstances - the love of, and obligation to, the heavenly Father.

For Our Information

John Jackson has covid. Jordan Wright is back home after a hospital stay for blood clots in her lungs from covid. Both families are in quarantine.

Brenda Keisler has had severe pain but just got another shot for her neck.

Joyce Venable is feeling some better.

We will start Judges 19:22 tonight.

Wednesday we will start in 2Corinthians 1:12.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

A superficial, cosmetic claim to religion and a lip-service show of occasional respect toward God are not acceptable to God (**Matthew 6:1-34; 15:3-9**). *"One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination"* (**Proverbs 28:9**). Surely religious ceremony, regardless of its splendor and show of piety, accompanied by deceit, slander, hatred, drunkenness, perverted justice, and base immorality is abhorrent to God on any level of society. Fortunately, *"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers"* On the other hand, it is a somber, sobering reality to know that *"the face of the Lord is against those who do evil"* (**1Peter 3:12**). Each of us must turn to God with our whole heart (**Psalms 119:10**), for our salvation is not on any collective level (city, state, or nation), but on the individual, personal level of our own obedient response to the gospel of God. No earthly government is our savior. Our hope is in God who delivers us through Christ our Savior. In the true Godhead alone is our ultimate trust and hope (**Hebrews 13:5-6**). — **Gilbert Alexander**

(True submission to the Will of God will not let us bow to circumstance in order to ease our burden. While we have choice and are certainly allowed to seek a way to avoid or separate ourself from difficulty, we must continue in obedience to the Word no matter what circumstance we may need to endure. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!