

THE CORRECT PERSPECTIVE ABOUT SERVING GOD

John 14:10 ... "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works."

In our previous devotional we addressed our attitude about serving God and that it is not about duty, but about thankfulness and how our gratitude should motivate us to serve him. Today we look at our perspective – or our understanding of how serving God works.

Look at today's verse, which are the words of Jesus. We must remember that during Jesus' 32 years on earth, he lived as a man. A totally righteous man, but a man nonetheless. In this verse he is not crediting himself or his divine powers with the miracles he performed, or the great wisdom he taught. But, only by God the Father working through him was he able to raise the dead, give sight to the blind, make cripples walk, and calm storms. Such miracles were not performed directly by Jesus. They were performed by the Father THROUGH Jesus.

Consider the light bulb in your home. You purchased the bulb, you twisted it into the socket, and you provided the wire that is connected to the socket. But you do not provide the electricity to power it. If you live a righteous life, God can use you to do amazing things for him, but you are only the wire. You do not supply the power, only God can do that. Jesus tells his disciples and us that God supplies the power. He wants us to know that our ability to accomplish the work of God, is not because of our own skills, talents or determination, but by being conduits of his power.

Can you honestly recite these words? Can you testify that you do not speak on your own authority; but the father who dwells in you does the works? When you realize that the success of your service to God does not rely upon your strength, ability, or knowledge, but only upon God working through you, it should relieve the stress of serving him. The only think you are liable for, is to live as obediently and righteously as possible, so that God is free to use you to accomplish his objectives.

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