

Vol. 2 – Day 22: But I Want My Work for God to Be Seen

For years, I sought to be significant for the kingdom of God. I looked to find a calling from God that I needed to pursue and do something magnificent for Him. I was generally looking for ways to serve God that were meaningful and fruitful and large. Rarely, if ever, did I seek to find anything to do for God that was completely insignificant or that no one would ever notice.

One day, I challenged one of my men when we left the breakfast table with these words, “Sir, if you worked diligently on a project for God and it had all sorts of fruitfulness and success and someone else took credit for all that you had done, would you be okay with that?” He quickly replied, “Absolutely not.” This would be what I would expect of most sincere Christians.

Yet Jesus’ way was not to draw attention to Himself at all. When we want to get credit or thanks or applause for anything we do for God, we are not really doing it **for** God. We are doing it for ourselves while claiming to be doing it for Him. We are selfishly promoting ourselves rather than Him and His kingdom. Unless and until our gifts of service are purely for the love we have for God, they do not possess the quality of those acts of Christ Himself. His were born out of intimacy with His Father.

A life of consistent love, joy and peace in the midst of even our worst and darkest circumstances simply cannot be attained without a selfless love for God’s people and enormous love for Him.

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan