

**Volume 2 – Day 23: Very Good Deeds Can Be
the Enemy of the Soul**

An enemy of the soul can be something which appears to be extremely good. According to our way to measure, we look at religious activities in our church, our mission work and so forth as things that would please God. We attempt religiously and fervently to please God by engaging in these activities. But in many cases that's not what God desires of us. Busyness **for** God often comes between us and true intimacy **with** God. Intimacy is a state of being wherein I know my lover so completely, that I no longer need for them to state what they desire.

Our lives should be completely and wholly devoted to developing an intimacy with God that is like a honeymoon or a deep affection for one extremely dear to us. Once we achieve intimacy and come to the place of total surrender to the desires of God, then, and only then, are our activities in the likeness of Jesus. Jesus was walk-about ministering to people on earth as He did for them what God desired.

An important thing to remember is even Jesus Christ Himself did not act of His own desire. He did not act out of His own sympathies. He did not act out of His own intelligence or comprehensions. Jesus did not do anything in order to draw attention to Himself or to be applauded. Jesus consistently and frequently conferred with His Father. We can only **do** the will of God, when we **know** what it is. As Jesus put it, "I have come to do the will of My Father."

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan