

Volume 3 – Day 22: Do It Yourself

There are countless self-help resources (books, videos, audio tracks and so forth) to which we can turn which claim to show us **how to** be better Christians. We think it is our duty to become more like God. It is evident that most Christians bury themselves under piles of these resources or myriad religious activities in an attempt to do it themselves. That is, to **get right with God**, by their own efforts.

Yet, the more helps we explore, the farther from intimacy we get. And the quest for **righteousness** can only end in a personal and **deeply affectionate relationship with God**, in Jesus. The ways and means to human intimacy are identical to those needed to develop intimacy with God. It is one thing to be educated by the history of the Biblical records. It is altogether different to establish and nurture a deeply personal relationship with Him. Unfortunately we fail to realize that we are doing the exact same thing as the original couple in the Garden of Eden.

Partaking of the fruit of self-effort in an attempt to be more like God **is evil!** Instead of mutual affection between ourselves and God, we try to become God. The objective is not to become any other person than the one God created us to be. The objective is to deeply love one another by becoming intimate. Intimacy is that state of being where I know fully who you are and accept you “as-is.” To love you is to desire your satisfaction over my own.

Although education is useful and knowledge is power, there is no greater power in the universe than true love for another. To be properly educated in the Holy Bible, the context of loving others more than self must be applied to every story, parable, metaphor, analogy and other language device. Seek transformation, not just information. Love Like Jesus Loves! That’s how God loves! You can’t do it yourself. Simply surrender yourself to Him in every decision you make.

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan