

Volume 2 – Day 14: Giving Up My Right to Myself

Many things keep us from doing what God would have us do. These are the things which we deem to be the best things. Yet, the things which God would have us surrender to Him are those very “best” things according to our own definition. For example, we hang on to our Christian service, winning souls to Jesus, witnessing for Christ or whatever we hold dear as highly valued activities for God. We hang on to them with tenacity, as though they are our lifeline to God. We are sadly and sorely mistaken.

The Holy Spirit of God wants us to submit entirely to Him. He wants us to surrender all choices, beliefs, thoughts and expressions to Him. He will actually activate our faculties and direct our thoughts. The Holy Spirit desires to connect us to the immediate desire of God for us in the moment. Only God knows the ‘best’ choice in each decision point in our lives. What might be ‘best’ in a general way, may actually be bad in any particular moment. Context is critical to every decision.

Again, the enemy of the very best is the very good, not the overtly and obviously wicked or evil. It's easy to see, flee and shun obviously evil things. But it is not easy to avoid the temptation of receiving at least some little bits of recognition or affirmation for doing something ‘good’ for God. But God is not satisfied with that. He wants us to surrender our ‘right to make each choice’ to His Holy Spirit, just as Jesus did! Then and only then is God glorified.

“Our *very good* is the enemy of God’s *best*.”

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan