

Volume 5, Day 25: Anonymity or Recognition

"Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all." Philippians 2:17

If you do some great thing for God and someone else gets credit for it, are you okay with that? Are you willing to be overlooked or completely ignored while working hard to promote the kingdom of God? Are you willing to pour out your life, that is, to have absolutely no personal agenda or gain, in order to promote faith in others?

Or are you more likely to say, "I am not going to be invisible or anonymous just yet. I want God to endorse my ministry and make it thrive. I want to follow my own vision of ministry for God and choose the scenario of my own sacrifice. I want to have the right kind of people watching and saying, 'Well done.'"

It is one thing to pursue dignified heroism for God. It is quite another thing, if the ministry God has planned for you results in you being a door-mat under other people's feet. Suppose God wants to teach you to say, "I know how to be abased." Are you okay with that? Are you willing to be so hopelessly insignificant that most people don't even see you? Are you okay with never being thought of in connection with the life you lived for God? Are you willing to spend yourself and be used or abused by others, not seeking to receive ministry from others, but to only minister to others?

Some saints cannot do menial work because it is beneath their dignity. But is there anything you will not do for your most significant other on earth? A reality check here is to analyze your motives for service altogether. If it has any self glory in it, it is not God's work at all. If it is done for your own glory it will be consumed by fire in the presence of God. If it is for God's glory alone, it will endure forever.

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan