

Volume 6, Day 22: My Insignificance to Promote His Significance

Goodness and purity of love never do attract attention to themselves. They are magnets to draw people to Jesus Christ. If my holiness is not drawing others toward Him, it is not holiness of the right kind. Rather it is an influence that will awaken inordinate affection and lead souls away from God or into meaningless pursuits. A beautiful saint will actually be a hindrance if he does not present Jesus Christ in the fullness of His love but only what Christ has done for him. He will leave the impression, "What fine character that man has!" That is not being a true friend of the Bridegroom. I am increasing all the time, He is not. The focus is on me, the 'best' man, rather than on the 'perfect' man, the Bridegroom!

In order to maintain this friendship and loyalty to the Bridegroom, we have to be more careful with our relationship to Him than of any other thing, even of obedience. Sometimes there is nothing to obey. The only thing to do is to maintain a vital connection with Jesus Christ. Do not let anything interfere with that. Actually obedience is a by-product of genuine passionate love for God. We can actually begin doing, what would have been obedient, before it is even expressed.

Only occasionally do we have to obey. When a crisis arises we find out what God's will is. The more intimate our relationship with God the more we know what His will is in every situation. The greatest experience of the life is not conscious obedience but maintenance of intimacy in relationships. Christian work might actually end up being a means of evading the soul's concentration on Jesus Christ. Instead of being lovers of God, we may become amateur providences (acting like God in the lives of others). When we operate in this capacity, we work against Him while we use His resources.

You can most certainly count on this. When your life, that is, how you treat others, attracts people to the love of God which exudes from your expressions, you are definitely in the 'will of God.'

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