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**Sometimes Always**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (KJV)

Sometimes we imagine ourselves as being someone or something that we are not, and then wonder why we are not progressing in our walk with the Lord. Those thoughts and imaginations can go both ways, where we either think to highly of ourselves or we belittle ourselves thinking that we are not of much worth and end up burying our talent. Always know that what God said is very good does include you and your walk with Him.

John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. (2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (KJV)

Sometimes we think that just because we are not called to be a pastor or prophet, that our place in the body of Christ is not that important. Always know that our Lord has a place in His body of believers picked out for you; one that He chose for you before the foundation of the world. Always know this fact as well; that this place that He picked out is a perfect fit for you, one that no one else could accomplish as well as you. You are a unique individual with a personality that God created you with, and I pray you never let anyone quench that Spirit.

Romans 12:3-5 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (4) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: (5) So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (KJV)

Sometimes people come to the Lord for the wrong reasons, trying to make a name for themselves and focusing the attention on man instead of God. It’s always a healthy reminder for us to know that without God and the leading of His Spirit, we can do nothing. Your place in the body is very vital, and something that our Lord does not take lightly and neither should you.

Luke 14:8-11 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; (9) And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. (10) But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. (11) For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (KJV)

Sometimes people put themselves in positions that God never intended for them to be in and end up falling for a lie. When dealing with our Lord know always that a little humility will go a long way toward finding your true place in His body of believers. Be still and humble yourself before our Lord putting others first, then you will find your true calling and place at His table.

Ephesians 4:14-16 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (KJV)

Sometimes we think less of ourselves and will only rely on someone because they have a degree or a following. But always know that, as you grow and mature in your walk with the Lord, you can hear His voice for yourself and know who you are in Christ. Also know that when you gather together with the saints you have a lot to offer, because the body is something that every joint member should be doing their part in. So stay built up and edified in the faith.