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What Are You Going To Be When You Grow Up?

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Many times, as children, we are asked, "What are you going to be when you grow up?" The usual answer from a young child is, "A Policeman", "A Fireman", or something along those lines. As we grow older, our answer usually changes.

Depending upon those who influence us, some change their answer to: "A Millionaire", or something that benefits us more directly.

From early on the Christian's answer should be, "I want to be like my Lord, Jesus". The Scriptures plainly declare that we are to be like Him in every way.

We are to be conformed to His image. ( Rom. 8:29 )

We are told that "as He is, so are we, in this world." (1 John 4:17)

What we must realize is that there are two realities that are in a constant struggle.

One reality is what I would call "heaven reality" or maybe "kingdom reality".

This is the true reality of our position in Jesus Christ. It is the reality of what He has already provided for us. It is the reality that He expects us to walk in, to live in. This reality is how we are supposed to think, act, and talk 24/7 everywhere we go. (Note: Living this way will make you stand out and bring persecution.)

The other reality is the level of Christianity we are actually walking in. This reality is usually very earth-minded. We see it all around. It is demonstrated in the current self-oriented preaching that focuses on getting bills paid, getting new things and even getting healed. Now before you question whether getting healed should be in this list, let me explain. Everything listed here starts with "getting"...

Of course there is nothing wrong with being healed, Jesus suffered so you and I could walk free of sickness and disease, but my point is this, if we are ever going to move from the "earth reality" to the "heaven reality" we must become completely different from anything we have ever been. What I mean is that our positional level must become our living level. We must make the quantum leap into who we truly are. We must quit talking about what it will be like 'when' our mind is renewed and we must begin to act like our mind is renewed. If we are going to be to the world what Jesus has been to us, we are going to have to move beyond "getting" to "being". We must begin to believe "it is written" and therefore we are what it says we are. Now, right now, we are everything the Bible says we are. We became what the Bible says we are when we got saved. Our journey is the journey of the renewing of the mind. Once we have the mind renewed (in alignment) with the word of God, we begin to realize who we are.

Let me give you this analogy:

It is as if we knew where a treasure was buried in another state. We know right where the riches are, we know they are just sitting there right now waiting for us to get there and pick them up. There is nothing between our present condition

(poverty) and wealth except our distance from the buried treasure.

We determine how long it takes for us to get there. We determine the length of the trip. We determine the length of our "poverty" by making the "trip" take a long time or a short time.

So your question would be:

"How do we shorten the trip?"

We must learn to coordinate our mind (thoughts), speech, and actions.

We must make the jump from being just a disciple to be a deliverer. We must take our position as the spokesmen and women of God. We find ourselves in the same position the disciples were in when Jesus ascended into heaven. They must now become to others what He was to them.

Every time we bow to pressure from any direction by not saying or doing what Jesus would say or do, we actually set our development back. It is not just a neutral thing, it becomes a negative. You are responsible to obey and fulfill Jesus' commands any where they are able to be applied.

It is not just by hearing, reading or studying that your mind is renewed, it is by assimilating what you've heard, read, and studied into your everyday life that brings the transformation we're promised, yet few seem to ever walk in.

This assimilation is what is referred to in Romans chapter 8 when it speaks of mortifying the deeds of the flesh. It is by doing what we are supposed to do (the things of the Spirit / the words of Jesus, which will go against the flesh until you kill it) that you begin to mortify the deeds of the flesh, which in turn will bring about your "manifestation" as a son of God. This is the leading of the Spirit that the Bible refers to in Romans 8:14.

Be sure to read Romans 8 (the whole chapter)

This trip to your "riches in Christ Jesus" will be one that proves worthwhile, yet it will also be one that will cost you friends, family and possibly, even your church affiliation. But remember this, if what you have been doing, and what the (average modern) church has been teaching worked, we would have already seen John Lokes, and Smith Wigglesworths massed produced and turning the world right side up. Jesus caused a stir every where He went. Every real Christian will. The people will love you and the religious will hate you.

The world and all creation is waiting for you and I to manifest the Lord Jesus Christ everywhere we go. The world is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.

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