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Well Done...

1 Thessalonians 4:1

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus (Messiah Yeshua), that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.

Everyone likes to be complimented. It’s just in our DNA to want to hear flattering words about ourselves. Be it from a parent, friend, co-worker and especially a boss.

Accolades just have a way of putting that extra spring in your step. They help that thing we call “confidence” in ways that we can only imagine, till we experience it that is.

But they can come from sources that are totally unexpected. Like your young child looking up at you when putting him to sleep, and him saying “You’re the best Da Da ever.” No one would trade that moment for anything. If you are a parent, you know exactly what we mean.

Have you ever wondered what might be greatest compliment one could ever receive?

Matthew 25:20-21

And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

“Well done, good and faithful servant”

Is it your desire to hear this from the maker of the universe? We know that sounds like a silly question... because most everyone wants to hear that from the Father. However, your desire to hear that from Him is to be lived out in your everyday life to Him. It’s to be exemplified in how you live.

But HOW... do we really do this? Just claiming Him and doing things for Him obviously isn’t enough. Consider ...

Matthew 7:21-23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

These were people who obviously thought they were serving the Lord. But were they serving the Lord on their terms ... or His?

We can say that we love the Lord, but what defines “love” in a relationship?

Seriously. Think about it. If I bought my wife a motorcycle and said I did so because I loved her, how do you think she would receive it? For what it’s worth, my wife doesn’t really like motorcycles. On the other hand, however, I happen to like motorcycles.

Though I may like the gift, my wife doesn’t. How would my “love” be perceived to her? Should I base my love for her on what I want to give her or what she wants to receive? It should be based on what she wants to receive. Right?

So we must ask ourselves, “What pleases the Father?” What is it that He desires from us?

Because as exemplified by Matthew 7, it doesn’t matter what we want to give Him. What matters is what He wants to receive.

Everything we do for the Lord is absolutely meaningless if it’s not what He desires.

Think about that for a minute, the servant in Matthew 25 was told

“Well done good and FAITHFUL servant!”

Faithful in what though? What is it that the Father has given us to do to be faithful in?

Comparing this against the verses given to us in Matthew chapter 7, it obviously isn’t that of prophesying, driving out demons or even performing miracles.

No doubt that these can be evident in the lives of the faithful, but it’s obviously not what the Father is looking for in the light of faithfulness.

In fact, it should be noted here that these very things can be evident in one’s life who claims to be a believer, yet still not be considered “faithful” in the eyes of the Father. In all honesty, this should make all of us do some serious soul searching and truly seek out which HE desires us to be faithful in.

What is it that we can glean from in Matthew 7 to truly understand just what it is that the Father is longing us to be faithful in?

Personally, I believe it is found in the last sentence mentioned to those He sends away. He says...

Matthew 7:23

And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

What did He say next?

Matthew 7:24

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

What words did he speak?

John 14:10

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

John 14:24

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

The very words that Yeshua spoke was the eternal Word of God.

John 7:16

So Jesus (Yeshua) answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

John 12:49

For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

So what words was He speaking in Matthew 7? Matthew 7 is actually a conclusion of what began in Matthew 5. This is where He said...

Matthew 5:17-18

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Until heaven and earth pass, the law will not be done away with.

Now we can understand His statement...

Matthew 7:23

And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

Again, until heaven and earth pass, the law will not be done away with.

So it is the eternal word that we are to pursue in pleasing the Father and not that of what we deem as

worthy to give in our relationship with Him.

For as mentioned in Matthew 7...

Matthew 7:21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Gods will...His eternal instructions.

John 7:17

If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

How will they find this out? Because they have the written Word, the Law, to test His words to.

SO....

Is your service to God pleasing you, or Him? Can it be both? Oh of course. But our focus should be on pleasing Him and Him alone. In doing so, it WILL be pleasing to us as we serve and focus on what HE wants...not us.

I ask you to examine your heart. Are you living your life for how YOU want to love the Father or how HE wants you to love Him? It's extremely critical.

So much so, that it may be the deciding factor of you hearing Him say "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We pray you have been blessed by this message.

Remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom!

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