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DEVOTION TO JESUS CHRIST CREATES A SUCCESSFUL ATMOSPHERE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Highlight Scripture

Matthew 22:37 (King James Version)

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

INTRODUCTION

The believers' in Jesus Christ our Lord success is determined by their level of devotion to God. God is seeking people who are reliable in Him, people He can depend on to execute the task at hand. To be successful in Christ we must have a determination to prioritize our life by making God our primary (main, chief) focus. We must have a love and commitment for the Lord that takes precedence (priority) over everything, everyone, even ourselves. We should let nothing stop us from being loyal to the Lord, for our dedication to Him will dictate our success in this life and the life to come.

VOCABULARY (Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary – Tenth Edition)

- 1) Devotion – The act of being dedicated: an act of prayer or private worship. A religious exercise or practice other than the regular corporate worship of a congregation.
- 2) Successful – Gaining or having gained success (achievement, victory, triumph)
- 3) Atmosphere – A surrounding influence or environment

Deuteronomy 11:8-15 (King James Version)

“Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;” ...

I. A DEVOTED SETTING CREATING A SUCCESSFUL ATMOSPHERE

- Moses gave Israel the method of how to be blessed by God.
- He emphasized the importance of being devoted to God.
- He expressed the outcome of one being dedicated to the Lord.
- Moses informed Israel that true success would be established by God by their loyalty to the Lord.
- We must be committed to the Lord to receive the promises of God.
- God is looking for a people to give Him total submission.
When we are devoted to God we will receive prosperous results.
- True success comes from serving Christ Jesus with all our heart, mind, body and soul.
- This is why God has given us instructions on how to continue enhancing our level of intimacy with Him.
- God wants us to keep a close connection with Him so that we may remain dedicated to Him.
- When we remain committed to God than we will create a successful atmosphere.
- This surrounding influence will continue to flourish as we persist to stay faithful to God

Deuteronomy 11:16-17 (King James Version)

16Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

17And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off

the good land which the LORD giveth you.

II. A SUFFOCATING ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY NOT BEING DEVOTED TO GOD

- Moses warns Israel of the consequences of not being dedicated to God.
- It is a dangerous thing for the believers in Christ not to follow God commandments to them.
- It will cause you to miss out on the blessings of God.
- When the Lord gives us a formula to follow we must be sure we pursue what God is asking of us or we will forfeit our blessing.
- When we fail to adhere to what God is asking of us, then we will create an surrounding environment that will suffocate us and cause us to lose out on the promises of God.

Matthew 6:33 KJV

[33] But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

III. JESUS CONFIRMS OUR DEVOTION TO HIM SHOULD BE OUR PRIMARY FOCUS, FOR IT SHALL BRING ABOUT PROSPEROUS RESULTS

- We are to keep our focus on The Lord.
- Our faithfulness and loyalty to God will open up the windows of blessings for the children of God.
- Jesus lets us know the secret to our success is to be dedicated to Him.
- When we are devoted to the Lord then He will richly reward us.
- When we are devoted to something or someone, we give it or them our full attention. We put all that we have into whatever we are committed to.
- Jesus wants our full attention. He desires all of us.
- The more we are devoted to Christ, the more intense our intimacy is with God.
- Devotion to Christ brings about closeness to the Lord that will continue to cultivate as long as you follow His commands to you.
- Our allegiance to God is going to dictate how successful our atmosphere will become.

CONCLUSION

3 John 1:2 (King James Version)

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

Our loyalty to God will bring forth positive results. God gives us commands to follow so we may be dedicated to Him. If we remain devoted to Him, He promised in His word that He will bless us. Through intimacy with God, you will be able to secure your blessings from the Lord. God honors an individual He can rely on to remain steadfast in Him. We must continue to move forward and not allow Satan to tamper with our prosperity and growth in Christ. If we remain firm in Christ and hold on to His principles, then and only then our devotion to Christ will create a successful atmosphere, opening up the treasures of heaven to you.