

“FREE TO BE”

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1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2

As A Christian...

I want to be like the heavens....telling the glory of God just by being; and like the expanse declaring the work of His hands with my speech;)

Who is doing, and who is being

Some people actually have a problem with what I'm saying here because they think it might encourage Christians to stop 'doing' altogether. It's true, there does seem to be a trend to 'just live a normal life' and not be about Kingdom business, **BUT** I think the misunderstanding is in who and what is "being" and Who is "doing." I am to **BE** a willing, submitted vessel to my King so **HE** can **DO** in and through me.

The Work is the Lord's

In Phil. 2:13 the Bible says, '...for it is **GOD** Who is at work in you, both to will and to work for **HIS** good pleasure.' Who is at work 'in us' in that verse? God, of course. Why is He at work in us? Both to **WILL** and to **WORK**...(for what purpose?) for **HIS** good pleasure. And what are some things we **KNOW** are His will and good pleasure? As Christians, at least one reason we are kept on this earth (after we are 'saved') is to **BE** His Witnesses. Jesus said in Acts 1:8 "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has

come upon you; and you shall **BE** My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." As He empowers us to **BE**, **HE** does the work in and through us and **HE DOES!** Like we already saw in Phil. 2, it's God who is at work **IN** me... honestly, it took me about 24 years to finally accept this grace that works in me to **BE HIS**. **It really takes the pressure off of me to figure it all out, or the temptation to manufacture 'witnessing opportunities,' I just need to BE ready to BE used by God.** This (Dunamis) power to **BE** His witness should prevail in every part of my life, including listening carefully to what the **SPIRIT** is saying to me every second. (which I clearly have not achieved yet, but will continue to strive for.)

Cooperation is my only job

Please don't get me wrong, as a 'temple of the Holy Spirit,' (1 Cor. 6:19-20) I have a responsibility to submit this body for God's use, and ultimately, always for His glory. But even the ability to live a 'right' life is **ALL** by God's doing.

I'm convinced that my one and only job is to **COOPERATE with the work already in progress**...you know, "be Holy as He is Holy," (1 Pet. 1:16) and walk in those good works that have already been mapped out for me to walk in. (Eph. 2:10)

A Real & Present Freedom

There's real and present **FREEDOM** in this truth that it's just **NOT MY JOB** to **DO** God's job. Now, being a 'doer of the word' and not a hearer only, is important but not because I am doing, but rather I am being an instrument that God can use to fulfill His word...**BUT ONLY** by His Spirit can I 'DO' anything. It may look like I'm the one making it happen, but I assure you, if any of us does anything good, it's the Lord Who is really 'doing' the work.

Bottom Line

I think the bottom line for me is that I must be **WILLING to BE used by God** in whatever capacity He chooses, at any given time, without complaining or trying to figure it out. I just want to Be, you know, like the heavens that just 'naturally' glorify the Creator. I want to shine like the stars as they say, (without a word) "God is **AWESOME!** Worship **HIM!**" I want to be like the lilies of the field who neither toil or spin, but are clothed in the glory of the Lord and when people see them they say, "What a beautiful sight, look what **GOD** has done!" I want the 'good works' that **GOD** is **DOING** in me to lead others to the cross and glorify my Father in heaven.

A Silent Witness?

Absolutely **NOT!** But a Spirit led one that desires to speak only what I hear my Father say to me. (Jn.

12:49-50) This includes what I say as well as when I say it. Only God knows the experiences and the heart of the one I may be in front of. I want to **LET HIM** speak through me physically in order to have the greatest effect spiritually.

To Be or Not to Be

My friend Martha once said to me, "that's why we're called human beings, and not human doings." Isn't it ironic that her name was Martha who told me that and in the Bible it was Martha who was doing, doing, doing, while her sister Mary was just 'being' with Jesus? (Lk. 10:42) Jesus said that Mary in her being (listening, learning) had chosen the better part, why? Because Jesus knows He's the only **ONE** who can **DO** the lasting, eternal work, and that we need to **BE** with Him to allow that to happen through us.

A Lazy Witness?

May it **NEVER BE!** I am in **NO WAY IMPLYING** that we should just sit around all day and be lazy! Being is not sitting idle, it's actually going, and as we go, the Spirit will use us wherever, whenever, however He chooses for the glory of His Kingdom! Some will try to steal this freedom, some will be angry with you, but may I encourage you today to grab a hold of this truth that you are **FREE TO BE** in Jesus Name!

Peace IN, Big D:)