

The Greater the Desire the Deeper the Disappointment!

Trust the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

- Proverbs 3:5-7

I remember so vividly the pain I felt when years ago a dear lady told me on the phone again and again of her deep sorrow that she didn't have the loving relationship with God that she so longed for. And it didn't help that she knew and accepted so much deeper life truth taught by Andrew Murray, F.B. Meyer, L.E. Maxwell and others.

I deeply respect another dear lady to whom I have referred frequently who wants so deeply to walk intimately with her Lord, and does occasionally. But this leaves her only grieving the more for her more frequent loss.

And I have had times when my relationship with the Lord has seemed almost ecstatic and other times when I have seemed to have lost Him altogether.

It is spiritually normal that every born again child of God has some desire to walk in joyous relationship with the Lord. But it seems almost as natural to be disappointed in our search.

I've taught that we must learn to walk in rest and peace in the Lord.

I've taught you to let go and let God. I've taught you never to oppose God's work in allowing you to suffer and learn thereby.

I've taught you to seek His enabling you to obey Him, seeking to please Him. I've certainly taught you to spend time in prayer and fellowship with God.

I've taught you to be willing to accept whatever He gives you by way of relationship with Him, seemingly much or nothing. He is enough although it seems nothing at all.

Never go by feelings. Never quit.

Let me advise you against expecting too much for too little. While everything spiritual is from God, there is still a sense in which, you only get back from God what you put into your relationship with Him.

Thou shalt find Him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

- Deuteronomy 4:29

Now, here is the balance. We have a role to play, and we best play it! But, if the results are not what we want, we mustn't whimper, and complain, and blame God. Instead, we must accept it as God allows, submit graciously, and allow Him to do His work in His way, in His time. And give Him praise, glory, and honor, and believe Him to do it as He wishes.



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