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Exploring the strange things that Jesus said.

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JESUS CALLED HIS FOLLOWERS TO A LEVEL OF DEVOTION THAT IS UNFAMILIAR TO US IN THE MODERN CHURCH BECAUSE OF OUR UNFAMILIARITY WITH JESUS HIMSELF.

We must get it right starting out!

IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO FULLY UNDERSTAND OR RESPOND CORRECTLY TO MANY OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS OR KINGDOM PRINCIPLES IF WE ARE STARTING OUT WITH A WRONG VIEW OF GOD AND THE WAY HE DESIRES TO INTERACT WITH US.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Jeremiah 9:23a

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom,

**YOUR THEOLOGY AND HOW MUCH YOU KNOW
ABOUT GOD AND/OR THE BIBLE DOESN'T
REALLY IMPRESS GOD ALL THAT MUCH.**

Jeremiah 9:23b
let not the mighty man boast in his might,

**YOUR POSITION OR WHAT YOU DO IN A
CHURCH, OR MAYBE WHAT YOU HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED IN A MINISTRY, MAY NOT BE
AS IMPORTANT TO GOD AS YOU THINK.**

Jeremiah 9:23c
let not the rich man boast in his riches,,

YOUR POSITION IN SOCIETY AND HOW MUCH YOU CAN GIVE TO THE CHURCH OR OTHERS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT GOD IS AFTER EITHER.

Jeremiah 9:24a

**but let him who boasts, boast in this,
that he understands and knows me,**

**GOD IS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIP...AND
MANY CHRISTIANS TODAY ARE JUST GOING
THROUGH THE MOTIONS AND THE BIBLICAL
INSTRUCTIONS FOR A BELIEVER WITHOUT
EVERY REALLY GETTING TO KNOW THE
PERSON BEHIND IT ALL.**

John 17:1-3

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Colossians 1:9-10

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

What a lot of spiritual leaders see:

“IS THAT LOTS OF CHRISTIANS WOULD BE PERFECTLY SATISFIED TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN AND REAP ALL THE BENEFITS IT HAS TO OFFER EVEN IF JESUS WASN'T THERE.”

-JOHN PIPER

Jeremiah 9:24b

**that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love,
justice, and righteousness in the earth.**

**SCRIPTURE IS CLEAR...YOUR LIFE AS A
CHRISTIAN WILL START TO BE
TRANSFORMED AS YOU RECEIVE
REVELATION FOR YOURSELF ON HOW
KIND AND TENDER GOD'S HEART IS
TOWARDS HIS KIDS AND WHAT HE WANTS
TO BE FOR THEM.**

Titus 3:3-53

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

Jeremiah 9:24b

**that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love,
justice, and righteousness in the earth.**

**MANY CHRISTIANS TODAY ARE LED TO
BELIEVE THAT JESUS CAME TO GET THEM TO
HEAVEN, WHEN THE MAIN PURPOSE OF
JESUS' LIFE WAS TO CONNECT US ALL TO THE
FATHER NOW... HERE ON EARTH.**

Jesus said in Matthew 6:9-10:

9 Pray then like this:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**10 Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Jeremiah 9:24c
For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MANY OF US ARE OUT OF SYNC WITH WHAT GOD SAYS IS MOST IMPORTANT TO HIM AND WHAT ULTIMATELY REALLY PLEASES HIM?

Ephesians 1:15-18

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

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