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As we redeem the time in 2009, we must seek to live a righteous life that produces God's validation. Our aim should be like the Apostle Paul in 2 Cor. 5:9, "Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him." Prov. 16:7 says, "When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him."

WHO VALIDATES YOUR FUTURE?

Your natural thought to the question of validation, should be, "no one but God." For the believer, God should be the central theme of his life, and the source of His love and strength. When you need a man to authenticate who you are, you are running a close race with idolatry. You have just allow someone or thing to take the place of God.

There are many reasons why a person seeks validation:

- complacency,
- discontentment
- idolatry
- substance abuse
- idleness
- stop being mentally challenged
- stop being realistic
- illnesses
- fallacy and fear

There could be a plethora of things that might trigger one's mind to daydream. It could simply be that you have not allowed yourself to think realistically.

SEEKING TO LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE THAT WILL BE WELL PLEASING TO THE LORD, PRODUCES A LIFE OF SUBJECTION.

- ✚ Subjection to the State, Romans 13:1-7
- ✚ Subjection to the Citizens of the State, Romans 13:8-10
- ✚ Subjection to the Timetable of God, Romans 13:11-14

WHAT IS GOD'S TIMETABLE FOR YOU?

Rom 13:11-14

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. NKJV

WHAT DID JAMES SAY ABOUT GOD'S TIMETABLE?

James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

TRUST GOD WITH YOUR FUTURE

When the Babylonians were attacking Jerusalem and had laid siege to the city, Zedekiah the King, asked Jeremiah in the secrecy of his home, "Is there any word from the Lord?" (Jer. 37:17).

Saul consulted a medium in 1 Sam 28:7

7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." NKJV

In trusting God with our future, we must have a correct view of our:

1. Perspective of God
2. Purpose of God for our lives on earth
3. Plans to fulfill God's will for our lives.
 - a. Set goals for yourself according to Prov. 16:1, (new car, home, college, retirement, career changes and development).
 - b. Write down your goals
 - c. Write down the methods that you have set to reach your goals
 - d. Make known your desire.
 - e. Allow God the privilege to interrupt your plans.
 - f. Plans should be realistic:
 - In looking at everything from God's Word and through Prayer.
 - In looking at your strengths
 - In looking at your weaknesses
 - In looking at your circumstances
 - In looking at what you do well
 - In looking at what you do poorly
 - In looking at your passion
 - In looking at your desires
 - In looking at your priorities
 - In looking at barriers you need to remove or overcome
 - In looking at what is in your hands.
 - g. One should not be afraid to dream and think BIG. (George Bernard Shaw said, "I am a dreamer. Some men see things as they are, and ask why; I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?")
 - h. Plans should glorify God.

GET STARTED AND FINISH YOUR COURSE

2 Tim 4:7

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
KJV

Acts 13:25

25 And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'

NKJV

PEOPLE ARE WATCHING YOU.

John asked, "What notions have you of me, what expectations from me?"