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**Nothing Works**

Matthew 18:3-4 And said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (KJV)

Nothing works; because that is when we realize that our thoughts and ways have nothing to contribute as far as salvation goes. We see again that humility goes a long ways in pleasing our Father in heaven. Do take note of the fact that, it is up to us to humble ourselves.

1 Samuel 15:16-19 Then Samuel said unto Saul, stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. 17 And Samuel said when thou was little in thine own sight, was thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? 18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. 19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? (KJV)

Saul was anointed king by God when he humbled himself and gave God someone to work with, but as time went on Saul decided to do things his way. Many people begin with our Lord and have good intentions; however it comes to a screeching halt when pride takes over.

Proverbs 26:11-12 As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool returns to his folly. 12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him. (KJV)

I have done some foolish things in life even after knowing the Lord. To be described as a fool is one thing, but then to realize a fool has more hope than I did is quite another. I guess in the end all I did was fool myself.

Luke 18:11-14 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I possess. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted. (KJV)

Many today are fooled into thinking that because they go to some religious organization on a weekly, or should I say weakly basis they are better than others. Those that really know and understand salvation know that is not the case at all. Again we see it is up to us to keep ourselves humble.

1 Corinthians 3:18-20 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He takes the wise in their own craftiness. 20 And again, The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. (KJV)

If you are going to do something foolish, then why not do it for the right reason? The wisdom of God begins when you realize how foolish your own thoughts and ways are. It is categorized as being vain, empty, and without results.

Galatians 6:3-4 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. (KJV)

In conclusion, if you desire to be someone in God’s kingdom then you will need to realize that you are nothing, because in the end nothing works.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.