

Devotional Thoughts :: Are You Taking HIS Road

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Phillipians 3:14 says I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of GOD in CHRIST JESUS.

Are we achieving what our purpose should be that of spiritual maturity? Are we becoming more CHRISTlike? Are we allowing CHRIST to have HIS way in our lives? Maturity can be defined as being perfect, complete, ready or fully developed. God strongly desires that we press on to maturity being sanctified and holy. We as Christians must always be striving to be made into the image of CHRIST.

There is a high price to pay for the Christian life and the rate of our progress depends on how quickly we choose to make HIM LORD dying to ourselves in humble submission and obedience to ALL of HIS commands. To demonstrate obedience to the will of GOD and begin making great leaps in spiritual maturity we must lose sight of ourselves and our own interests and take up our cross and follow HIM wholly.

The question we must ask ourselves is are we taking the road of obedience to GOD by putting our flesh to death. When we die to self in obedience we become spiritually mature. There are no shortcuts to spiritual maturity but the rewards are great. We are meant to be a powerful church and only as we walk in obedience leading to holiness and spiritual maturity will GOD allow HIS power to rest upon us. As we die HE rests upon us to a greater degree and when HE rests upon us HIS power becomes evident transforming our world for JESUS CHRIST.

It is easy and natural for us to do what we want to do instead of being obedient to GOD but we cannot live our own lives and then expect GODS power to be available to us. We must put flesh to death on a daily basis by making the hard choices that obedience demands. We cannot pick and choose the areas we are going to obey in but we must be submissive and completely obedient to all the things HE commands. Therefore, brethren let us press on to maturity lacking nothing and transforming this world for JESUS CHRIST.

LORD, We thank YOU for all the things YOU do in our lives. Sometimes it isn't easy but we thank YOU LORD that as we submit to YOU great things will be done in and through our lives. Help us to grasp what YOU meant when YOU said we must decrease so you can increase. Help us to be obedient to YOUR voice and willing to die so YOUR glory can be revealed. Help us to transform this world for JESUS CHRIST by the way we live. May the world see YOU in the way we live our lives. May there be so much of YOU evidently displayed that there are no questions that we are YOUR children. Make us holy and consecrated to YOU. We willingly lay down our lives so YOU can do this work in us. We love YOU LORD and thank YOU for all the blessings YOU give us when we are obedient. IN YOUR wonderful NAME we pray. Amen.