



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Gut Wrenching.....

Gut Wrenching....., on: 2005/7/26 7:59

So you want to trust in your works, right? You are living a life of ease and things are just wonderful all about. God has been using you and you are getting recognition and you just can't help but be proud of yourself. Hmmm.

In another thread, a brother posted the following scripture.....

Quote:
-----Ezekiel 33:12Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: "The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.' 13When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. 17"Yet the children of your people say, "The way of the LORD is not fair.' But it is their way which is not fair! 18When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it.

Oh God have mercy on me.If the unmerited favor of God does not overshadow His word through Ezekiel, I'm hurting. I'm headed for a BBQ and it aint' in Texas. Jesus is my only Hope. Oh God save me by the blood of the Lamb.

Broken and spilled out,

Lahry

Re: Gut Wrenching..... - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/7/26 11:00

The beauty of brokenness

Re: Gut Wrenching..... - posted by ellie, on: 2005/7/29 19:31

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Re: What do you think ?, on: 2005/7/29 19:45

This was a good thread also.

http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=5621&forum=34&8

Re: @ Ellie - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/7/29 22:35

Hm. I can understand where you stand, I stand in that same place. But I don't think we can excuse it as a humble way of being pleased to what we have "done". I KNOW I can feel spiritually proud because I "praised well" that night, or I felt as if my worship was a sweet smelling aroma to His nostrils. I do not like that feeling.

I believe that exalting oneself spiritually cannot be umbrella'ed under humility.

An excerpt from The Ragamuffin Gospel:

A humble woman seeks me out because of my vaunted reputation as a spiritual guide. She is simple and direct:

"Please teach me how to pray."

Tersely, I inquire, "Tell me about your prayer life."

She lowers her eyes and says contritely, "There's not much to tell. I say grace before meals."

Haughtily, I reply, "You say grace before meals! Isn't that nice, Madam. I say grace upon waking and before retiring, and grace again before reading the newspaper and turning on the television. I say grace before ambulation and meditating, before the theater and the opera, before jogging, swimming, biking, dining, lecturing, and writing. I even say grace before saying grace."

That night, soggy with self-approval, I go before the Lord. And He whispers, "You ungrateful turd. Even the desire to say grace is itself My gift."

When will WE realize that we cannot impress God?

In Christ

Re:, on: 2005/7/30 0:31

His love, the only crucifier of 'self'.

"If we focus on just one bad trait/habit of our flesh/Self, then we'll see it in everybody else.

Better to just cry out to God to put Self, itself, on the Cross and ask He remind us and help us to keep it there, by His Word. Give us Your Love God."

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Joy = J for Jesus - O for Others - Y for you, last.

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Truth .

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Mat 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

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Paul said, "not that I have already 'attained' ... "

Pride is just another word for "flesh or Self", and from all the great men we read about, it's a battle till we're with the Lord. But HE must do the work, or it's still "self".

**We can only cry out, in the privacy of our own prayer closets. "To be like Him."
Self-sacrificial.**

Pride is just a portion of 'self', so it's not the pride that needs the focus, it's the 'Self' needing crucifixion.

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Love is the antidote to self. The Apostle John learned this best of all.
His Love through us and ours crucified.

Re: 'Humble' - posted by ellie, on: 2005/7/30 12:39

'Humble'

Perhaps the wrong word to use.

Message in books

'The Ragamuffin Gospel'

I am not going to go around depressed and battering myself with scripture, and interpretations of messages in books. I didn't like the set out of that interpretation, very much.

It's the Book I object to not 'You'.

And some of the scripture from Grannie, could lead me to feeling unhappy.

If we took all of the scripture, and used all in daily life. It would be like being in a straight jacket, when would we be cheerful, with maturity.

When it is pride, I know because God convicts me of it. He shows me many things this way. I walk with God and I praise him for helping me, I praise him, giving thanks to him when he has me do things for him, I laugh with him.

I experience him, lifting me up in my spirit. Up as if in the heavenlies and his love for me it is so wonderful, it near takes my breath away.

And yet there are many situations that I have faced and that have been so painful and this is when I have relied on him and cried to him and asked of him and I waited on him.

I have been looking to him throughout 20yrs of my life. He is my Father.

It mainly began in 1986

I would say, "God there is no one, not one living person on this earth to help me, God you have the power and I look to you, God help me and my children."

1986 Up until 1993 I knew God had power but I could only see him as a dot, way-out in space. I used to tell him this. I used to say, "I know you have the power but are you really there, you only seem like a dot in the sky."

I continued to talk to him and pray to him throughout the following years. There were times that he did move on situations. I thanked him gratefully.

In 1993 I showed him, that I willed to walk his way with him, during 3 months in repentance to him and at the end of 3 Months.

Re: - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/7/30 14:38

Not lengthy enough lol.

Now ellie, I knew you would take that situation in less of a good & receiving light. That is the way I received it. But with revelation & prayer & counsel I realized, the depiction of Brennan is somewhat mine. My head gets all blown-up because I later realized that I was the only one bowing on my knees, I was the only one with tear-filled eyes, I was the one screaming the loudest because the Spirit moved me, I was the only one who was quoting scripture, I was the only one who, to me, did an awesome night in worshipping the Lord. A shame is what it is.

I am not attacking you either ellie, I am attacking the pride that erupts in our spirits when we think we did such a great job at last tuesdays prayer service. Not feeling this doesn't mean we have to wallow in self pity at a job poorly done, but we need to keep our feet grounded in thanksgiving, not drowned in a pool of 'job-well-done'.

And the comment about Grannie, I believe nothing in Scripture can lead you to the feeling of unhappiness. Yes cheerful, not patting ourselves on our own back, even quietly.

I pray you receive these things in love

In Him

Re: TiltedHalo on 2005/7/30 - posted by ellie, on: 2005/7/30 16:31

TiltedHalo

Your Quote "My head gets all blown-up because I later realized that I was the only one bowing on my knees, I was the only one with tear-filled eyes, I was the one screaming the loudest because the Spirit moved me, I was the only one who was quoting scripture, I was the only one who, to me, did an awesome night in worshipping the Lord. A shame is what it is"

Well if that's what you did after, then you have reason to come before God with it all.

Your Quote: "we need to keep our feet grounded in thanksgiving"

That's what I do.

Your Quote: "And the comment about Grannie, I believe nothing in Scripture can lead you to the feeling of unhappiness."

It most certainly can cause unhappiness and self quotes from where ever, when some of them do not apply to the person that is receiving them.

Your Quote "Yes cheerful, not patting ourselves on our own back, even quietly."

I have a most wonderful walk with God that incorporates our relationship, through the Holy Spirit.

God is my Father.

I worship the Lord in all truth of his word. He delights my soul, he fills my spirit. I abound in his Love. Amen

ellie

Re: - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/7/31 1:57

hey EI =)

I don't think you are understanding my point.

I am not questioning your walk with God whatsoever.

I am talking about knowing how we can soak ourselves in self-approval in how well we did in worshipping Him. Understand? I have done it and am sure I will again.

We get this feeling of "I" did a great job. When the very desire came from Him, we were responsible for NOTHING, except making ourselves available ... and even the desire to do so comes from the Other up above. It gets to His Supreme Sovereignty.

But this is my point:

I am addressing your original post; to feel that feeling, even quietly about doing a service well done to God, in my opinion, isn't a healthy feeling. You are giving yourself all of the credit. YES you are giving God all the praise & honour but you are exalting yourself saying "It was ME who worshipped."

Understand?

When we should all just be thankful. Period. That He can use such empty vessels.

In Him

Re: 'WE' - posted by ellie, on: 2005/7/31 12:30

You say 'we' a lot. and that I don't understand. I refuse, your explanation of what I might feel or think or conduct myself etc.

I also refuse and don't include myself in your replies. My thoughts and my ways do not incorporate self admiration. Please let it be noted that I do not think or feel as TiltedHalo and so would like not to be classed of, as having the same thinking, feeling or doing etc as, TiltedHalo.

I would ask that you refrain from posting your explanations of the above about me.

One thing I would like to say is, I thank God that he would choose me at all. I walk with him, we walk together. He loves me, I love him, he is my Father we laugh together. He lifts my Spirit. Amen

I have been walking with him for many years, through many painful trials. I have looked to him in the darkness, in the nig

ht, ill unable to sleep, crying, in fear. He has saved me from snares set for me. He has kept me, from terrible destruction. He has carried me, healed me, over and over. What more can I say. The fruition of this particular journey is yet to come to fruition.

How stronger I am now, than at the beginning.

And I press forward with Him.

Thankyou

ellie

Re: Again - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/7/31 13:57

Again, you continue to try to defend your walk & relationship with the Lord in which I have spoken not a thing of.

That is awesome that you can experience communion with Abba. But again, this strays from my point. The issue isn't our relationship with the Other, it is the internal relationship with ourselves per se.

I will only go by your very first post; and frankly that is self-approval. Period. The reason I use 'we' is because I do it also. I am not only typing to you; I am typing to myself as well. Have you ever caught yourself imparting some new found truths to someone and you realize God is speaking to you, through you?

Again, and I will try to state this as clearly as possible: I AM NOT QUESTIONING YOUR WALK WITH DADDY. okay?

I am speaking of that feeling that "we" (And I can include you in this because with self admission you have felt "a job well done" in praise) get when we meet a certain presupposition of praise & worship that was self-induced into our thoughts.

That is all.

In His Name

Re: TiltedHalo on 2005/7/31 18:57:03 - posted by ellie, on: 2005/7/31 16:49

In your thread to me Quote:

Again, and I will try to state this as clearly as possible: I AM NOT QUESTIONING YOUR WALK WITH DADDY. okay?

The above and further rude content to me in your threads to me, is Sarcasm with purpose to Humiliate.

You have just demeaned God with the above.

I have answered your questions to me, in a very polite and very patient manner.

If you read the two threads carefully without sarcasm in you, you should be able to see that I have answered you.

You choose to however, reply rudely, with sarcasm in your threads with an insistence that, you need to keep repeating YOUR points.

I asked you in my last thread not to post anymore to me and you ignored my request.

So I am asking again please do not send any more threads to me.

I will complain about content and manner towards me if you send another one.

Ellie.

Re: - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/7/31 23:42

I am not going to leave your reply unanswered & Whoa whoa whoa ... Ellie. Just because I called Father God, Daddy doe sn't mean I am being sarcastic whatsoever. I am not DemeanAbba whatsoever. God is my Lord, My Saviour, My Friend, My Governor, My DADDY also. If you take offense to the way I can call God Daddy, then maybe you need to check yourself.

I haven't come out in any which way or form that demeans God OR you.

Why are you so offended?

I was trying to impart, what I feel, is some important truths. And I was trying not to be so impersonal by incorporating myself in this "self-approving" emotion that you get when you worship which ISN'T a healthy feeling. Now if you do not agree with that then that is another issue but do not inject these false truths in my own words. No need to try to throw a monkey wrench into this conversation.

If you are not willing to receive something that a fellow believer has felt & learned from then maybe there is a bigger problem than you taking credit for a gift that has been graciously given to you.

Good Day

Re: - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/7/31 23:44

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What do you think?

I gave you my thoughts and then you want to complain that I did?

Re:Tiltedhalo - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/1 0:17

Quote:

'what do you think'

I was asking Larry the person who Posted the subject. To whose Posting I was replying to.

You keep putting things on me, telling me what I do, what I believe. You tell me what I should do. Correcting me on, your issues. Telling me, chastising me. How old are you?

I am 55 years Old wiser by far than you. That's more than Half a Century.

You have charged headlong in at me.

I refuse all the bad things that you have put on me.
You should be careful what you put on people.

Thankfully, I know how to refuse it.

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One error did not put the capital B there was a fullstop however after..... that.

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THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD READ.....

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My mistake however does not justify the barage you have put my way. Take note again, I do not do anything that, you say I do.

ellie

Re: TiltedHalo on 2005/8/1 4:42:14 - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/1 0:30

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Re: Gut Wrenching..... - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/1 0:53

Good Title you chose Lahry.....

Fits the description of Tiltedhalo and ellie.

Gut Wrenching..... Tiltedhalo and I are surely putting your ratings up, you never know you might get into the TOP TEN Listings yet.

Although don't hold your breath, coz these Threads are wearing me out. Well, I am more than Half a Century Old, haven't got a zimmer frame, or a walking stick. I'll still be standing on two feet when I'm 110 years old. Probably still placing T hreads on here.

Time for a cup of English Tea.

ellie

Re:, on: 2005/8/1 2:19

Hi Ellie,

I try to abide by Prov. 26:17, but my name's been mentioned twice too, so this isn't exactly "meddling".

I don't believe "age" has a thing to do with our behavior or knowledge or stand before God or not even can "experiences" qualify us as superior in any way to other Christians, so I believe we are All Ageless in that regard, in God's eyes.

I too am past the 1/2 Century mark, but I've met young teens who have behaved better than most adults on forums and knew the Lord better than those saved 30 yr.s or more.

Nothing is an accident, with God. Every person we meet is to bring out what's really inside of us.

If we think some are worth talking to and others aren't, then we've missed a wonderful opportunity to allow God to use them, to 'grow' us. Regardless of age, how long saved, etc. etc..

Rom 8:28 is FOR 8:29. They are one verse actually, not two.

There are NO coincidences with God, and each person that is on this forum is to Grow us, in one way or another and we are to just Love them and thank God for this opportunity to see ourselves for what we really are and use them to 'grow' us.

If someone was saved Yesterday, and was younger than me, ta-boot, I would listen to every word they say, because the Holy Spirit dwells in them Too, and He may use them to teach me or share a Word that's directly from God Himself.

I don't know how old Tilted Halo is, or whether they are a male or female ... but I believe (and I've read this thread a few times now) that TH has been nothing but polite.

As far as your complaints about my posts ... I will post them again here and you can critique them for us.

Especially the Scripture Verses that I used, that you said ...

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Re: GrannieAnnie on 2005/8/1 7:19:56 - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/1 3:32

STOP THE ATTACKS TOWARD ME AND MY WALK WITH GOD

Not to offend you but...

I reject. What you say.

In reply to you. Not all things said on this site are edifying.

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It is meddling...

The reference to you, was actually a response to your Thread to me. that in fact I did not want to engage in.

I am an individual human being as each of us are God made us that way.

Tiltedhalo has got me, like yourself also, in totally the wrong concept.

And now, you!! are telling what I should receive from another person, and yourself. TOTAL RUBBISH and again, I refuse such nonsense.

And there has been a great deal of rudeness towards me from Tiltedhalo. And now from you.

Please can you both stop enforcing your opinions
ON ME!

Because God does not have those opinions of me.

It would seem to me that some people are just browbeaters.

STOP THE ATTACKS TOWARD ME AND MY WALK WITH GOD.

ellie

'Jesus was a man of few words.

Re:, on: 2005/8/1 3:52

Oh my, I think we're having a failure to communicate. (I think that quote came from some movie ?)

Quote:

-----The reference to you, was actually a response to your Thread to me. that in fact I did not want to engage in.

I'll state this once and then I think it's time for me to go to bed.

Major #1 ~ My 2 posts on page one were not posted "to you".

#2 ~ You complained about my post 'twice', so I am not "meddling".

Because I would not have any need to address you at all on this thread, if you had not Complained about my post, that was not to you, but just my posting to the 'subject' of this thread. And it still is just to the subject of this thread.

As a matter of fact, before I posted it, I hadn't even read your post.

Sorry.

I don't know you from Adam, but I was just giving you the chance to show me, where my post offended you.

God Bless Ellie.

Re: - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/1 4:13

Your Quote:

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Your Thread Talked of the word HUMBLE which is a word I used in my Thread. you were the second one to Place a Thread about it, Tiltedhalo was the first person who Placed a Thread about it.

Now then if it was not in reference to me, then I apologise.

I have not lacked in communication. I have communicated and this is now the 8th Thread in defending my good name (as they say)

This was not a very nice thing to say, I would not use quotes from Movies. But I apologise for placing it on my Thread that is not worthy of it.

Your Quote:

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It came from a book that Derek Prince Wrote.

And I should only place it on a worthy Thread.

Now that I have placed it on two threads, I would like to say that I read it many years ago. The parallel was we human beings, in that we can be very Wordy people. It struck at the time that both were so true. That is partly why I won't engage in the amount of content in a reply to me. When most of it does not apply, I cannot see any reason to spend lengthy time answering it.

ellie.

Re: wow - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/8/1 18:54

Wow. I really hate this.

I am sorry Elizabeth if anything I've said was not received in love, as it was produced by love.

Flaunting your blessed age around doesn't win kudos with God nor man. And I mean that sincerely, flaunting the age that God has blessed you with ... doesn't mean a thing.

I haven't attacked you, & I will not begin now but sister you really need to check yourself. Seriously, I do not know you but that doesn't mean I do not love you as a sister in Christ & I can understand how hard it can be to receive critique, but it is the truth. I am not sorry for it. I am sorry for the way you have received it. BUT nonetheless it is not my obligation.

I read what you posted. I replied with what the Holy Spirit has lead me to bear witness to. I have given you respect, patience, & what I believe has helped me in a great way.

You shout from the pit of your stomach that you have age, wisdom, & a number of other things above me ... and I am the immature Christian? And you complain about things not being edifying on this site?

You need not reply. I need not you to reply. We all as a whole just want you to think about some things. I pray that I would receive a timely word when it is my time again. Which it is.

God help me, an unworthy sinner.

In Christ

Re:TiltedHalo on 2005/8/1 ellie Replies to you..... - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/1 20:36

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In your reference to this, do you see all the content, being composed by me?

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Do you not think that the "Proud" that you felt, is a humble, well pleased, having done service for God and succeeded and completed a purpose for God. Happy that you have fulfilled a purpose?

I know what pride is and try not to have that.

But this is the way I feel sometimes.

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I also at times, I kind of beam sometimes, if I feel that say, I have overcome a struggle or done a purpose for God that day. Quietly being pleased with having made the effort.

ellie

Re:ellie: Replies to Tiltedhalo. With, 'The Answer To My Question to you' on my Last Posted Threa - posted by ellie, on:

Re:TiltedHalo on 2005/8/1 ellie Replies to you.....

ellie: Replies to Tiltedhalo. With, 'The Answer To My Question to you' on my Last Posted Thread To You. 2005/8/21

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Answer : The quote below is a piece from Lahry's Post, he wrote this. I Quoted it on my Thread in Reply to him.

Quote: You are living a life of ease and things are just wonderful all about. God has been using you and you are getting recognition and you just can't help but be proud of yourself. HmMMM.

This Is the Reply to Him and it is not meant to have, Self Righteousness in any meaning, of the word or any words like it.

My explanation, below may be not, all the right words to describe but then I do not have a Masters Degree in words. I was Trying to explain that Freedom of relationship that I have with him. I don't live with religion or the law of the word. I live in the new covenant with him. And through what I described of my personal walking with him. I would have thought it was plain to see that I have a wonderful freedom relationship with him, born out of things that you would not be able to comprehend.

I am an individual with him. And the word of God is precious to me. I had to follow the scripture that he instructed me in, throughout which on many occasions I wanted at times to do it my way, but this would have led to destruction. And so I Had to bite my tongue endure the pain and overcome, with him.

Explanation. of my reply to Lahry's Post

So this was me trying to describe How I feel with him, perhaps this is my walk and not for others. Perhaps my walk it is too personal to tell. I would imagine God wants us all to come into personal walks with him, following his word.

People's walks can be spoiled by others.

But sometimes I think God might want to see some of us smile in him.

Perhaps those who have answered me might take some time out with God looking at their own personalities, in the way they reply to others.

I check myself on the basics of faith in my daily living. I have been practicing this checking myself since before I became a Christian, as I was aware of the basics. Yes I got it wrong on occasions throughout my life and need to repent. There are many things in daily living and conversation with all kinds of people, that I have not engaged in, and sometimes with some difficulty.

So you see that I don't need to be made aware, I have been and always will be. And abiding in it can be very hard, going through ever changing situations that come before us.

My reply to Lahry's Post

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'The word Effort'

Re: Dear Ellie, on: 2005/8/3 8:02

Wow,

This thread didn't look like it was going anywhere, so I overlooked it, only to come back and read all the posts here. I apologize for not answering sooner.

First of all, I want to respond to your questions and comments to me;

Quote:
-----Quote: You are living a life of ease and things are just wonderful all about. God has been using you and you are getting recognition and you just can't help but be proud of yourself. Hmmm.

Sister, for me, to be used of God in any capacity to bless another is just joy unspeakable. To me, there is a very thin line between joy, and pride. I am continually searching what I do as ministry, what little bit there is, to be sure that I don't portray myself as anything but a wretched sin-filled fool without Christ in my life.

I am only encouraged in that God chose some other weird people in times past to accomplish His will and purpose. Why? I suppose that it gives hope to all to be used of God if they so desire.

Yes, like most others, I do want to be used of God. When I know He is moving through my ministry, I just overflow. My heart is very tender, and I don't apologize for it. But I just get overwhelmed.

What really makes me uncomfortable in ministry is when others express love and gratitude for something "I've done". We all need to be encouraged. We all need to know that our efforts have benefited someone somewhere. But I shriek from taking any glory that belongs to God.

My life as a saved child of God is a gift. His longsuffering has let me experience enough that I may have a bit of wisdom bottled up. But I have no glory in it. It is all God.

That is why I continually tell people here, that if what I write here blesses you, praise God, not Lahry. I just operate the keys. That is the extent of my work. I don't do a lot of prep. I just respond to what's going on in my heart. But I have nothing to glory in except Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.

Oh, woe is me if I dare think that I could ever put the enemy to flight. I relate so well to Gideon because I continually feel like the odds of my success are not very good since I am so often completely outnumbered by the impossible. But then I have to realize Whose I am and Who is in me. It's all about Him, not me. A cup cannot quench a thirst. But a cup can hold the thirst quencher. All I am is a cup. Yes I hold the living water. But I am not the living water. If there is no water, I have no purpose. Being full of hot air benefits no one.

I have many things I could share about events in my past. What holds me back is that it may seem like I'm trying to glorify

fy myself. I simply cannot stay at the cross and do that. Let me bear the shame and reproach of the cross. That is where my joy comes from.

One more thing. I'm no longer a man pleaser. I have finally been delivered from the curse of pleasing man instead of God. That does not give me license to be rude. But I'm free of trying to measure up to anyone, or compare myself to anyone. I simply am what I am by His mercy and grace. To God be the glory, now and forever amen.

Because He lives,

Lahry

Re: - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/8/3 22:01

Lahry,

That is amazing. You are free from the man-pleasing doctrine of life that so plagues the lot of us.

May the Lord find favor in you =)

God Bless

Re: Tilted, on: 2005/8/3 23:06

That did not come easy brother. I used to lead one miserable life trying to live up to everyone else's expectations and jockey for position. What an unbearable yoke that is. The only One I need to please is God. He alone validates who I am because He alone is my source of all things. Without Him I can do nothing. I am secure in Him, therefore I do not need any other stamp of approval for what I say and do.

That in no way means I'm arrogant. I pray I am not. But I'm just free of ringing my hands and wondering if somebody is going to recognize that God chooses to use me on occasion to bless others. If God is in it, the people who get blessed know it. If God is not in it, the people who need to be blessed know it.

I thank God I no longer have to beat myself up inside for not measuring up to what some man or woman expects of me. Jesus has already measured up for me, what God expects me to be. I rest in Him. Man pleasing has no rest in it, only anxiety. The bible says be anxious for nothing. That is only possible, as I see it, if we seek only to please God and live for His good pleasure. Even the desire to do that comes from Him. So who will I glory in but Him.

I depend on the Holy Spirit to lead me and guide me, not some big name figure on t-v or down at the steeple house. Yes I go to church. But not to please others. I go to join in with others in the worship of my God.

Hope this helps. God bless you real good today is my prayer.

just an old cup,

Lahry

Re: Lahry - posted by TiltedHalo (), on: 2005/8/4 1:11

Hm. Glory to God & He alone brother. Hm. =)

Re: A bit of untangling - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/8/7 11:37

Had been meaning to respond to this thread as somethings didn't sit quite right...

Coming back to it found it slightly confusing as this one quote;

Quote:
-----Quote: You are living a life of ease and things are just wonderful all about. God has been using you and you are getting recognition and you just can't help but be proud of yourself. Hmmm.

Almost seemed on the surface to be expressed by Ellie but was actually the starter from the original post by Lahry. Knowing and recognizing Lahry and his wonderful penchant and understanding of Who is doing what, that I concur with wholeheartedly.

ehheartedly, Lahry, to summarize it gives me the willies as well to hear some things as you well expressed here;

Quote:
-----What really makes me uncomfortable in ministry is when others express love and gratitude for something "I've done". We all need to be encouraged. We all need to know that our efforts have benefited someone somewhere. But I shriek from taking any glory that belongs to God.

There is always that same 'fear and trembling' sense of wonder if I am making sense... it's just a suspicion of 'me' creeping in to 'God's' thoughts that we are hoping to express. It could get bogged down into paranoia at some point and you end up just having to even check those thoughts and dismiss them. All the rest here fills it all out besides what you have expressed in the past around these parts.

But the troublesome part in all this was some of the misunderstandings I believe that came forth out of an expression from Ellie that made it seem wrong to get any enjoyment out of something that 'she' and for that matter you or I and the others making comments here may get as benefactors of the Lord working in conjunction with, in and through us. So to that end and better expressed by a man that I cannot apologize for the constant bringing up of, will just let him speak to it, a bit on the longish side, perhaps will break it into sections.

Just for some perspective.

Now Is It Possible—

And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ﻿1 Thessalonians 5:23
﻿

We never can be faultless in this life, but God's Book brings out that we must be blameless, that is, undeserving of censure from God's standpoint﻿﻿, and remember what His standpoint is. He can see into every crook and cranny of my spirit and soul and body, and He demands that I be blameless in all my relationships so that He Himself can see nothing worthy of censure. The revelation is one which shows the supernaturalness of the work of sanctification. It cannot be done by praying, by devoting myself, by believing; it can only be done by the supernatural power of a supernatural God.

1. To Be Blameless in My Self Life?

﻿I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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Now where are we? Is there the tiniest element of the conviction of the Spirit of God? If so, yield to Him at once. We must distinguish between the working of our own suspicions and the checking of the Spirit of God who works as quietly and silently as a breeze. As He brings back to our mind our bodily life in this past week in public and in private, in eating and drinking, have we been blameless in our self life? Sanctification means that God keeps my whole spirit and soul and body undeserving of censure in His sight.

Take the soul—how have we been conducting our imaginations, our motives, our fancies, and all the working of our reasoning life; is there anything for the Spirit of God to check and censure? We must not say because we are sanctified we are sure to be right. The seal of sanctification in the practical life is that it is blameless, ﻿undeserving of censure before God﻿. Blamelessness is not faultlessness; faultlessness was the condition of the Lord Jesus Christ. We never can be faultless in this life, we are in impaired human bodies; but by sanctification we can be blameless. Our disposition can be supernaturally altered until in the simplicity of life before God the whole limit is holy, and if that is to be done, it must be by the great grace of God. ﻿My peace I give unto you.﻿ The Spirit of God works with an amazing zeal on Christ's words.

﻿I pray God your whole spirit . . . be preserved blameless.﻿ Are we spiritually affected before God? Are our petitions our own? Do we put our will into them? Do we borrow our sentiments, or are they really ours? Paul does not say we are to be blameless in our self life in the view of other people. We never shall be; Jesus Christ was not. It was said of His bodily life—﻿Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber,﻿﻿ of His soul life—﻿He . . . is mad,﻿﻿ and of His spirit life—﻿He hath a devil"﻿﻿; but before God He was blameless. Some of us are so concerned about being blameless before men that we are to be blamed be

fore God. The apostle Paul prays that we may be sanctified and preserved blameless; then it is a matter of absolute indifference what anyone thinks of us, but it is not a matter of indifference what God's Holy Spirit thinks of us.

If we are sanctified by the power of the God of peace, our self life is blameless before Him, there is nothing to hide; and the more we bring our soul under the searchlight of God the more we realise the ineffable comfort of the supernatural work He has done.

Of ourselves we can never be any of the things God says we must be. We can never be blameless by thinking about it, or by praying about it, but only by being sanctified, and that is God's absolute sovereign work of grace. Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Do I believe God can sanctify me? Christ Jesus . . . is made unto us . . . sanctification. Have we the quiet confidence of a child that the life of Jesus Christ can be formed in us until the relationship to God of spirit, soul and body is without blame before Him? It is not the perfection of attainment in thinking, or in bodily life, or in worship, but the perfection of a blameless disposition, nothing in it to censure, and that in the eyes of God who sees everything.

Is it possible to be blameless in our self life? Paul says it is, and the writer to the Hebrews states that it is by sanctification we are made one with Jesus. For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one (﻿Hebrews 2:11). That is the glorious work of Jesus Christ in our life. Has He performed His work in us or has He not? Do not ask anybody else about it, the Holy Spirit will show you as clearly as can be. If you are right with God, you would not thank the angel Gabriel for telling you, because you know it. It will be the witness not of a word only, but nothing less than absolute agreement with God's standard when He brings you up against it.

Chambers, O. *The love of God.*

Re: - posted by arbustum (), on: 2005/8/8 2:24

"We are hedged in (pressed) on every side , but not cramped or crushed; We suffer embarrassments and are perplexed and unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair; we are persued (persecuted and hard-driven), but not deserted ; We are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed" AMP

"for though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical , but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds. refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)." -2 Corinthians 10:3-5 AMPLIFIED BIBLE

"And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me; in his tent i will offer sacrifices and shouts of joy; i will sing yes, i will sing praises to the Lord!" -Psalm 27:6 AMP

We have a song in our church among many with the lyrics "any praise i ever gained i give to you" also, "i will live to love you, i will live to bring you praise i will live a child in awe of you" which is the chorus of another. how about we consider these lyrics.

when people tell me how much they admire something of me i give the praise to God, it is and always will be him working through me that they see, not my own concoction (sp???) -conviction

whenever i have an awesome session of praise and worship with God in the Church and i dont see anyone else on their knees i scorn myself for looking around instead of focusing entirely on God, to judge others is not why we attend church. and i praise God all the more when i realise that i've actually touched heaven in my attempts to reach out to him. -conviction

whenever i feel accomplished because of convictions or anything else i give the esteem to the cause of living for something greater than myself, i try to give it to others. it was them that helped me get there.

being humble is something done in secret, that is a conviction.

the words above are also conviction, bible verses and all.

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Gut Wrenching.....

i ask every one of you here, who is on this site for themselves? who desires to sit at the computer and allow their emotions, pride, and other fruits of the worldly perspective reign? the only reason you see me online so often is because i either forget to log out before closing the window or have it minimised on the computer while i do other things, coming back to it every so often and instead of signing out and signing back in again each time i leave my account active. i dont write most of these long messages in one sitting. and one last challenge, why do we always have to challenge each other because of a lack of disclaimers? pull people up, but dont knock them down, challenge but dont judge,

i judged Philologos at one stage recently and it's out in the open on another thread, when i realised what i'd done i apologised for stepping out of line. im not righteous. im ashamed. but i've moved on. im just pointing it out. as much as we're called to believe we're forgiven can we ever afford to see ourselves as righteous?

just a thought.