

“Don’t Worry About Your Qualifications”

1 Timothy 4:12-16

Sunday, June 26, 2022

1. Focus on Your Walk (12)

A. (Pr 18:4) "The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook." NKJV

B. Over the last 14 years as a missionary, I have found that one can be closer to the Lord surrounded by the forces of hell than back at home amongst the saints in church. I have experienced the richest blessings of God's presence in the midst of conflict, under fire in war zones, being beaten by mobs, in solitary confinement in prison, and in the killing fields than I have a church conferences, camps and worship services. Anonymous Missionary

C. (1 Pe 1:6–9) "⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls." NKJV

2. Be Faithful to the Work (13-15)

A. "I knew in my spirit I was doing the right thing. I knew I was being obedient. If I never get another national team call-up again then that's just a part of His plan, and that's okay. Maybe this is why I was meant to play soccer, to show other believers to be obedient." Jaelene Hinkle

B. "The treacherous enemy facing the church of Jesus Christ today is the dictatorship of the routine, when the routine becomes "lord" in the life of the church... When we come to the place where everything can be predicted and nobody expects anything unusual from God, we are in a rut." A.W. Tozer

C. The Christian is saved from his past sins. With these he simply has nothing more to do; they are among the things to be forgotten as the night is forgotten at the dawning of the day. He is also saved from the wrath to come. With this also he has nothing to do. It exists, but not for him. Sin and wrath have a cause-and-effect relationship, and because for the Christian sin is canceled wrath is canceled also. The from's of the Christian life concern negatives, and to be engrossed in them is to live in a state of negation. Yet that is where many earnest believers live most of the time. We are not called to fellowship with nonexistence. We are called to things that exist in truth, to positive things, and it is as we become occupied with these that health comes to the soul. Spiritual life cannot feed on negatives. The man who is constantly reciting the evils of his unconverted days is looking in the wrong direction. He is like a man trying to run a race while looking back over his shoulder. -- A.W. Tozer

D. (Php 3:13–14) "¹³Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." NKJV

3. Be Mindful of Your Witness (16)