

Cooperation, Part 3

Cooperation: two parties working together to achieve the same ends; ready compliance with requests or commands.

“God’s purposes for, or determination of, your destiny, is a result of His foreknowledge. Yet, His divine will and plan for your life is conditional. *It is based upon your cooperation.*”

Frank Demazio

“Character Every Leader Must Have”

TWO THINGS THAT MOTIVATE ME TO COOPERATE WITH GOD IN EVERY AREA OF MY LIFE:

1. Because I know Him experientially as my Savior. But not only as my Savior, but as THE LORD!

Listen to Job's response, when God asked, *“Who do you think you're talking to, and who do you think you are?”*

“Then Job answered the LORD and said, “I know that You can do all things, And that no thought or purpose of Yours can be restrained. [You said to me] ‘Who is this that darkens and obscures counsel [by words] without knowledge?’ Therefore [I now see] I have [rashly] uttered that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ‘Hear, please, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You instruct [and answer] me.’ I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear, But now my [spiritual] eye sees You. Therefore I retract [my words and hate myself] And I repent in dust and ashes.””

Job 42:1-6 AMP

-THIS IS JESUS' QUESTION FOR ALL OF US:

““So why do you keep calling Me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?”

Luke 6:46 NLT

Example: I drove to Swansboro, instead of calling and confirming my appointment with Dr. Buglisi, because I lorded it over the Lord. Consequently, I lost my reward. I could’ve been in the right place at the right time, but no, I refused to cooperate.

“If I lord it over the Lord, I will lose my reward!”

2. Because He’s the love of my life!

““Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus answered him, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, and with every thought that is within you.’

This is the great and supreme commandment.”

Matthew 22:36-38 TPT

“Those who truly love Me are those who obey My commands. Whoever passionately loves Me will be passionately loved by My Father. And I will passionately love you in return and will manifest My life within you.”

Jesus replied, “Loving Me empowers you to obey My word. And My Father will love you so deeply that We will come to you and make you Our dwelling place. But those who don’t love Me will not obey My words. The Father did not send me to speak My own revelation, but the words of My Father. I am telling you this while I am still with you. But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like Me who sets you free, He will teach you all things in My name. And He will inspire you to remember every word that I’ve told you.”

John 14:21, 23-26 TPT

No one can be expected to cooperate with God's will and God's ways, if they don't know Him by experience and love Him with all of their heart.

If we say we know and Him and we profess to love Him, then our radical cooperation with Him will be our testimony to the lost, the hurting, and the desperate seekers of this world.

When are you going to make a sacred commitment to cooperate?