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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Still Doing Things Your Way?

Are you doing or still doing things your way? A way that God is not defined as pure and God has not approved of what or how you are doing things. Have you forgotten or did you even know, that God has created the perfect blue print, standard or plan for our lives. Yet we find ourselves compromising by attempting to taint God's promises with human wisdom. Deceiving ourselves by saying, "I know what's best for me". When we find ourselves doing this, we must ask ourselves, "do I really trust God in handling all my affairs in life"? According to his will, do we really know he will bless us or are we impatient and dissatisfied because things do not go the way we thought it should?

In (1 Kings 3:9), we find King Solomon asking God to bless him with his divine wisdom and God did just that. However, before God blessed him, there was a condition (read verse 14). Many of us today are accepting God's gifts, but we have removed verse 14 out of the agreement. Contently living an everyday life trying to ignore God's commands, trying to hide the truth from man, but not realizing that our father sees and knows all. God comes to us and reminds us of our disobedience and yet we ignore Him. In (1 Kings 11:1-13) we find Solomon still not listening to God and God ends up punishing him. King Solomon was the wisest man ever to walk the face of the earth and he failed. So who do we think we are to try the same routines?

Doing things our way will cause us to not trust God. Solomon did not turn away from God all at once or in a brief moment. His spiritual coldness started with a minor departure from God's laws (1 Kings 3:1). Over the years, that little sin grew until it resulted in Solomon's downfall. A little sin can be the first step in turning away from God. It is not the sins we don't know about, but the sins we excuse that cause us the greatest troubles. We must not let sin go unchallenged. In your life, is an unchallenged sin spreading like a deadly cancer? Are you trusting God to help you through the crisis or do you have your mind made up that I can handle this life contently? Are you even in denial that you are doing things your way? As I said last week, God knows best and He has the ultimate plan! No matter how you look at it, it will be a blessing only if God is doing it for you.

Surrender, repent and do according to **1 Kings 3:14**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 3:19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Tolerance consists of seeing certain things with your heart instead of with your eyes."

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