

# *Is God Important?*

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During my favorite week of the year, I get to hear several reports about foreign evangelism and I also get to talk with these men and other brothers who take trips. In our 2017 Young Men's Leadership Camp, we heard from three brothers on the works in six different African countries. It amazes me the commitment and faith those brothers and sisters have. Often, they walk many miles in the scorching heat for every service and are never late nor miss even when ill. When they arrive, it isn't to an air-conditioned building with comfy pews, but often outside on the ground or hard rocks. One brother, who is 90 years old, walks five to six miles for services, is always one of the first there! What commitment he has to be with God's people. It makes me think of the question: *Is God Important?*

Looking at a whole picture, of course we would agree that God is important. He made this world just right to where it shines and gives forth vegetation & the air is the right balance. He has all the power as even he made the sun stand still. (Josh. 10:13). He sent His only Son to die for the sins of many, that we might have the hope of an eternal home with Him.

## **More though, *Is God Important to Me?***

Think of what is most important to you. If it is success, then you most likely spend your time on the job or studying for a better position. If it is physical stature, you might spend most of your time working out at the gym and in fitness regimens. If our family is the most important thing to us, then we might spend a lot of time enjoying their company. While none of these are bad in essence, where is God on that scale?

If God is important to me, will I show it in my daily life? Do I talk to Him each and every day? Do I read His word? Do I spend time thinking about His ways so that I might walk in them? Does my Bible stay closed except on Sundays and the occasional Wednesday? Am I found bringing praise unto Him? Am I found with His people that they might help keep me close to Him? Do I miss the appointed times to assemble with my congregation of HIS people?

Yes, if God is important to me, my life and conduct will show it. My conduct resembles everything about me. If my speech is not kept correctly, it means my conduct is not either. If I do not have the right attitude of a Christian, then my conduct is not in subjection to His will. If my life is nothing more than the worldly person in the cubicle next to me, then I am not shining the light of the True Light. (Daniel 2:19-23)

Our brethren in foreign places starve for God's Word and I have it in multiple printed versions, on the internet, on my phone, every where I can! Where is my hunger for God's word? Do I thirst for His righteousness? Has my zeal grown cold? My brothers and sisters are happy to have any opportunity to praise the God Almighty and yet I might have trouble keeping focused through a worship service. Is that any commitment to God? One foreign brother commented that he wished he lived in America where there are so many meetings were in close proximity. The American brother told of how many do not go to meetings even close to them, and the foreign brother cried. In many countries, people will travel hours and hours to hear the Word of God preached, and in the states, many will not drive more than twenty minutes (in an air-conditioned vehicle) to listen & worship God.

### **How can I be more committed to God?**

In Daniel 1, we see a young man who sets his mind to present himself clean before God. In order to keep this commandment, we see Daniel being polite. Daniel is respectful to the authorities over him, and to the authority of God Almighty. He humbled himself always before God. That is the first step into being more committed, realizing that it is not our will but God's!

Secondly, Daniel relied on God's help. Because Daniel first gave his will to God's will, God blessed Daniel in the captain's sight. God will aide us if we first allow Him to do so! In order to overcome trials and tests, we have to look to God's word! God has the solution available if we only first will listen.

Thirdly, Daniel was persistent in his service. When it did not work out, Daniel did not give up but rather he kept trying. When things do not go our way or we fail, we must keep trying to serve God. If He is truly important to us, then He is worth continued effort.

Finally, Daniel was willing to be tested. We have to stand for God. If your family is the most important thing to you, would you not stand up for them? If God is important to you, then will you stand up for Him? This is why we sometimes say christianity is not a

spectator's sport. In order to be in full service to God, we must be willing to stand for the one who gives us the hope of eternal life.

I ask you to look and see if God is important to you. If He is not in the spot, then commit yourselves to Him now! If He is, then I admonish you to participate in what we have here in America. Be more active for the Kingdom & strive to be like those brothers and sisters in foreign fields that want nothing more than to serve God till the end of their days. Do not let all of the luxuries of this world keep you from the joy of the eternal home with God. **-CW**