

Colossians 1:24-29 Are you serious about your stewardship?

Do you ever run into a wall with your spiritual walk? Does it ever seem like things keep coming up that get in the way between you and God? I would like you to consider how committed you are to your walk with Christ.

As followers of Christ, we have all been given a stewardship over the message of Christ. We have not done anything to earn, deserve, or create this message ourselves. The stewardship has been given to us by Christ. Stewardship comes with both the good and the bad, associated with the owner. Since Christ proclaimed salvation for all, we can too. Since Christ was persecuted, we will be persecuted.

One amazing aspect of the stewardship God has given us is that Christ will dwell in us. He is not merely near us, among us, or around us. He is in us. He works through us. This completely goes against the Gnostic belief that matter is evil, and God will not have anything to do with matter. However, since we know Christ is in us, we can also strengthen our belief that Christ was God in flesh. Not only did Christ come to this Earth so that the Jewish people could come to salvation, but so that the Gentiles can be saved as well. That is us. We are the Gentiles. This was the message Paul was given. Christ will live in all people who follow Him.

Now that we understand this message that Paul was given, we must understand that we too are commissioned to spread this message. When dealing with fellow Christians, we are to admonish, teach, and present them to God complete. Not only are we to tell fellow Christians where they are going wrong in their walk, but we are to tell them how to do it correctly. When we do this, we have to use God's wisdom, not our own. When we are doing this, we will come to a fully matured walk with Christ. We all can come to this point. This cannot be done through our own power. We, like Paul, have to rely on God. We have to agonize over the message. It is not easy to be a steward of the Lord, but that duty is what we are called to.

When you are placing a priority on your God given duty...when you are taking your stewardship, seriously, you will be moving toward becoming a mature follower of Christ. So, rejoice in the sufferings of this life, just as Paul did. Take your stewardship seriously.