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“His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:10

The way we continually talk about our own inability is an insult to the Creator. The deploring of our own incompetence is a slander against God for having overlooked us. Get into the habit of examining in the sight of God the things that sound humble before men, and you will be amazed at how staggeringly impertinent they are. “Oh, I shouldn't say I am sanctified.” -or- “I'm not a saint.” When you say that, you are actually saying, “No, Lord! It is impossible for You to save and sanctify me. There are too many imperfections in me. No, Lord, it isn't possible.” Those statements may sound wonderfully humble to men, but to God it is an attitude of prideful defiance.

Things that sound humble to the ears of God may sound the opposite when heard by other people. To say and truly mean, “Thank God, I know I am saved and sanctified because God has done that for me is the acme of humility. It means you have so completely abandoned yourself to God that you know He is true regardless of what men say is true in contradiction of what God says Never even consider whether what you say sounds humble before men or not. Always be humble before God and let Him be glorified in all you do and say.

There is only one relationship that matters, and that is your personal relationship to a personal Redeemer and Lord. Let everything else go, but maintain intimacy with God at all costs, and God will fulfill His purpose through your life. One single life may be of priceless value to God's purposes, and yours could be that life.

My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers