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Nothing short of Almighty grace enables me to take the next step when there is no miraculous vision or audience to applaud me. The next step in spiritual or secular pursuits when there is no personal affirmation or accolades available, takes the very grace of God to motivate me. The next step takes the "... lamp unto my feet" of the Holy Spirit's guidance and the "light unto the path" of God's choosing for me.

The next steps in any direction or avenue of life, the direction of understanding, devotion and intimacy are energized by the unconditional love of God alone. And it is His unconditional love for me that invokes God's favor upon me in moments when I have failed Him miserably. It takes more grace to operate invisibly and anonymously than to be the most eloquent, successful evangelist for the Gospel.

Every Christian in a very personal way must partake of the essence of the incarnation of Jesus. We must live real flesh and blood practical lives as though we were God in the flesh to others. We falter when there is no miraculous vision from God. We slack off when there is no one to cheer us on or applaud our efforts. We languish in doing the mundane, common, and trivial tasks. We stop when there is no personal benefit to motivate us.

The thing that tells the story of our motives in the long run for God and for men is the steady persevering work in the unseen places. The only way to keep from being crushed is to live every moment looking to God's and only God's approval. Ask God to keep the eyes of your spirit open to the reality of the Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ within you. When He does, it will be impossible for drudgery to dampen your enthusiasm for the work at hand. Remain connected to the vine as in the fifteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel and the fruit will appear.

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

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