### Vol 6 Day 5:  Who or What Motivates Me to Service?

It is easier to serve God without a vision from Him. It is easier to work for God without a call to His specific ways and means. This is because you will not be concerned about what God might require. Common sense will be your guide in ministry just like in personal and vocational pursuits. Yet you will veneer over your common sense with 'Christian'prayers and Biblical sayings.

You will be more prosperous, successful, and light hearted, if you never realize the call of God. But if once you receive a specific directive from Jesus Christ, the memory of what God wants you to do, and how He wants you to do it, will always come like a blinding reminder. You will no longer be able to work for Him on a common-sense basis.

What do I really hold dear and valuable? If I have not been completely gripped and overwhelmed by Jesus Christ, I will count service for Him to be dear. I will consider my time given to God as dear. But that is to hold my life dear unto myself and Him in second place at best. Paul said that he counted his life dear only in order that he might fulfill the ministry he had been dispatched by God to do. He refused to expend his energy on any other thing. Acts 20:24 notes Paul's absolute annoyance at being asked to consider his own agenda.

A true disciple of Jesus is absolutely indifferent to any consideration other than that of fulfilling the ministry he has received. Practical work is most often a fierce competitor of abandonment to God. Practical work is based on this, "Think of how useful you are here."- or - "Consider how much value your talents would be in that particular type of work."

That attitude does not put the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ as the Guide for where you go, but rather puts yourself based on your own assessment as to where you could be of most use. Never consider whether you are of use; but ever consider that you are not your own but His.

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day  --  John Henry Alan