



Sermon In A Nutshell, "Determination" January 10, 2020

*Philippians 1:20 (NKJV)*

*"According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also CHRIST will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death."*

Determination is a virtue to be admired. It is the difference between success or failure. This passage is Paul's way of saying, I am determined at all costs to magnify CHRIST.

WHAT KEEPS US FROM DETERMINATION?

First, we need to will it. Often, we give an unreasonable thought as to why we can't afford to commit to the task.

Secondly, we give excuses for why a commitment is unfair or unnecessary. We cover our surrender by falsely reasoning our concern is for others.

CHRIST MOTIVATES

God has ways to motivate us in doing HIS will. If we refuse to listen to GOD'S call, HE has HIS ways and circumstances that force us into obedience. These circumstances happen when we are unresponsive to HIS leading. GOD provides a crisis that cause us to evaluate our situation and our excuses for denial. We can call this a crossroads in our Christian experience that bring into focus our need for rethinking, and a new commitment to HIS purpose.

These events can be sweet times of fellowship with The MASTER, even though at the time they may seem unreasonable.

SURRENDER IS THE ANSWER

If a crisis is confronting you at any level, surrender is the answer. Don't debate the matter. Submitting to the will and call of GOD is the only way to find peace.

Surrendering is the only solution to find joy and be productive in your daily walk with CHRIST.

We must come to the point that they say as Paul, "whether by life or by death". I am determined.

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for hearing all my prayers. Help me with my desire to be determined in my walk with YOU. Motivate me to do YOUR will everyday in my life. I do surrender to YOU. Amen."

Feel His Blessings!

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