

Be Content in Him

Do you find yourself frustrated with the ministry work, or the tasks you labor yourself with for Jesus? Looking impatiently at the future that is yet unfolding? We all get this way at times, and it makes it hard to stay the course, to continue running the race.

The disciples were also concerning themselves with future things:

"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."

¶¶Acts¶ 1:6-7¶ KJV¶¶

We tend to be like this sometimes, don't we? Especially when we start to put effort into a ministry, we begin to ask God when the fruits of our labor will be seen. We envision the end product of this great task set before us, and we desire to finish to work well, and to great success. We begin to ask God: "When will this produce the success I know it is capable of?".

Here is the catch, and the realization Jesus lays on his disciples, that is also direction to us: it is not for us to know, or even anticipate when the power of the Lord will manifest itself. It is not for us to know when the work we are called to labor in will bear fruit. It most likely is not for us to even see a small success in our work. Bummer, right?

The disciples are told that despite an uncertain future (from their perspective), it doesn't mean nothing is going on.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is

come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 1:8 KJV

See, Jesus tells them they will receive power with the Holy Ghost (this same Holy Ghost lives in us!). What is this power used for? To bear witnesses for Him whom redeemed us. This is important, because each and every thing we labor over for Jesus should be surrounding this important task. No matter what it is, sharing Jesus is in itself the reward we should be seeking.

No matter how you serve Him, remember to be in a constant state of readiness to bear witness to Jesus. Let us not focus on the future, as we are not promised tomorrow. Labor today for Him, and let God work things in His own time. Be content in being His servant today.

God Bless.