

COMPLACENCY TOWARD GOD



Our complacency toward God is often hidden from us by our great zeal for our own "godly program."

How can I be complacent toward God, when I'm pouring myself out---

- saving the environment,
- crusading for the right to life,
- uncovering the hidden agenda of a popular cult,
- ministering healing and deliverance to many lives?

The issue is not: How zealous is your ministry?

But: Are you abiding in the Vine?

Have you died to your own agenda so that God can fit you into His?

"Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.'"

Matthew 7:21-23

For followers of Jesus there is only one valid urgency:

Obedience to the Master's voice.

Every other "urgency" is a distraction, concealing a heart that has become complacent toward God.

"For you say I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing; not knowing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore, I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich, and white garments to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten; so be zealous and repent."

Revelation 3:17-19



Prayer: Lord, we admit our complacency towards you has left us wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. We have been so careless with what you offer to us...if we could just stop being so busy with things, even good things, even ministries... that distract us from you. Oh Lord, we come to you, to draw close, to buy what we need to cover our nakedness, to get salve for our eyes so that we can see clearly again. We repent of our complacency towards you... of being distracted from you. Nothing, nothing is more important than having hearts that are warm toward you, seeking you with all we have, and not satisfied with our own goodness and agenda. Amen.

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