

Thought 38

Good Morning!

As we continue our Fast from Wrong Thinking, I really want to help you get the most out of your relationship with God. He is in you. He is with you! **Yet, so many people have asked me how to deepen their walk with God.**

I believe one of the keys is: fasting from the thought that says, **“Why don’t I have more?”** (Whether it’s more time, money, success, friends, etc.)

I remember complaining to God a while back, as I watched other people in my field getting blessed, getting buildings given to them, having quicker success, receiving large financial gifts to their ministries, etc., while I just steadily plodded along, little by little. When I was done whining, I had a sort of “Solomon” moment and heard the Lord ask me this: “Would you rather have those things, or substance and deep meaning in your relationship with me?”

Knowing that I couldn’t say “both,” I responded—of course—with the obvious answer. Then I heard this: **“Son, the things you’ve gone through and learned slowly are the precious secrets that you have built your life upon. Now you have something of substance to give that no one else can offer in the same way.”** That set me free. Then He said, **“Now more will come.”**

I wouldn’t trade the depth of relationship with God for anything in this world!

How do we fast from the thought that says: “Why don’t I have more?”

1. Choose His face, rather than His hand. (You’ll end up with both.) Spend time with God—start with a verse, or these thoughts, etc.

2. Think positively about your adversity, rather than striving to avoid it. Let me be clear. I am not saying that adversity comes from God, BUT IT DOES COME. Psalm 34:19 says, “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**” (Know that adversity comes. Expect Him to deliver you. Expect to become better as result.)

3. See your life is a gift *from* God and *for* others. Realize that your relationship with God and your life experiences have uniquely qualified you to make a difference in this world. Everyone has a motivational gift according to Romans 12:6-8. Perhaps to show mercy, or lead others through servanthood, or the gift of making money to give.

4. Don’t ever want what other people have. Solomon said, “Give me what you have prescribed.” This doesn’t mean to settle for less than all that God has for you; but don’t determine what He has for you based on what other people have. God knows what He’s doing in your life. Philippians 1:6 says, “Faithful is He who began a good work in you. He will complete it until the day of His return.”

5. THINK SECURELY. God has reserved a place at the table for you. God told Saul not to worry about where he stood compared to others. “There is a place at the table and a portion that has been set aside for you.” (1 Samuel 9:23, 24)

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I choose the face of God. I look positively at adversity, rather than fighting to avoid it. I expect God to deliver me from all afflictions and trials.

I choose to see my life as a gift from God and for others. I have a unique and special gift that will make a difference in this world. I won't settle for less than what God has for me, but I will not desire or covet what others have.

I know that God has a portion reserved for me. He has a place for me at His table, and I think securely, therefore I live securely. In Jesus' name.

Going deeper with you,

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