

Balancing Life and Serving God

It can be easy to look at the things we have to do each day which make up our life as things that are separate from serving God. Sometimes, we can even find the responsibilities of living our life overwhelming and then look at the things we feel compelled to do to serve God as yet another task that needs our time and attention. But God encourages us to look at things differently (Col.3:23). Let's try and appreciate that serving Him is not another obligation, but rather that it is our life. Finding that balanced approach keeps us steady and strong; helps us become the servants that He can use for His glory.

Trusting God's Wisdom as I live Day to Day

- 1.) Each day will bring trials that we must meet (*James.1:2-4; Phil. 4:6-7*)
- 2.) Putting my trust for each day in God removes the barriers (*Jer. 29:11; Ps.37:5-6, 56:3-4*)
- 3.) I find both peace and toil in His wisdom (*1 Pet. 5:10; John 16:33*)

Understanding His Power but Bearing my Burdens

- 1.) There are times when the trials or diversions seem to be too much (*Ps.34:17-19; Acts 14:22*)
- 2.) God is Counselor, Power, and Strength (*Isa.9:6; Ps.18:2; Ex.34:6*)
- 3.) He has promised me the ability to overcome (*Rom. 8:18; 1 Cor.10:13; Phil. 4:13; Ps.118:13*)

Believing His Promises while Working Through this Life

- 1.) Believing His promises makes the difference in what I can accomplish (*2 Cor.4:7-10; Jer.12:1*)
- 2.) Don't let your "life" steal your faith (*Heb.11:6; 2 Cor.12*)
- 3.) The reward for the faithful servants (*Rev.3:5; 2 Tim.1:12; 1 Cor.15:53-58*)