

Have you given God all of your Mind, Body & Soul?

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Salvation: Is it only for the purpose of being able to go to heaven?

When you get saved you ask Jesus into your heart.

When need salvation for our Mind (Spirit), Body & Soul (Heart)

Have you given God all of you? Mind (Spirit), Body & Soul (Heart). Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. Acts 9:8 NLT When God calls one of His servants into service, there is often much suffering, work or even trials.

These sufferings and trials are there to help show us what we haven't given to God. You gave God your heart / Spirit when you asked him to be your savior.

But you didn't necessarily give him your mind/soul & Body

There are many examples where God makes His presence known through circumstances that tax the people to their very soul. Paul, who was stricken blind on the Damascus road. Peter; when he denied Jesus after the crucifixion, he was in total despair. David, who was forced to flee from King Saul for many years and live as a fugitive.

Personal Story of how in the Church I received the most attacks from other people on every level that one can imagine.

It may seem strange that God uses adversity to prepare His servants for greater service, but this is God's way. God knows that the human heart is weak and feeble and will not voluntarily stepping into situations that take them beyond their comfort zone.

He intentionally brings us into hard places to prove us and to drive us deeper into the soil of His grace.

In dessert regions of the world, trees cannot survive unless their roots grow deeper to where the water table can be found. Once they reach the water, these trees become stronger than any tree that can be found in tropical climates.

Their root systems ensure that they can withstand any storm. In the same way, God brings us into extremely difficult situations in order to prove His power and drive our spiritual roots deeper.

Jeremiah 17:7-9 (NLT)

“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.

God may take you through times when you will question His love for you. In such times, you must cling to His coattail so that you see His purposes in it. Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. Hebrews 10:36-38 NLT

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

“For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.”

John 6:38 “I came not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.

Have you given God your mind (your thought life)?

Have you given God your body (where you go & what you do)?

All that I do and that I say should be the will and words and doings of Jesus. Just as absolutely, just as entirely, as He spoke and did the will of the Father.

Prayer – Have you given God all of you?

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