

Only God Will Always Stand by You

I was in the hospital for a long time when I was a teenager... and to me, it was a *real long* time. On Christmas day, two people came to see me: my mom and my dad. That didn't really bother me, because I was so sick I didn't feel like entertaining people. But I learned something from it that would help me immensely later on in my ministry when I'd do meetings and no one showed up. I learned early that if you lose your health, the world goes right on without you.

Because of the experiences I went through, after I got saved, I made the decision that:

#1: I'd always put God first, and that He would be my source.

#2: I'd do whatever HE told me to do.

This one has always been very important to me every day of my life:

#3: I'd visit the sick and needy and do something to reach people who are forgotten. I'd do whatever I could to help them, especially around the holidays. If at all possible, I'd preach a service during those days. Doing this sure beats a turkey dinner and doing everything you can to walk in love and stay out of strife.

Traditions, religion, family, relatives and significant others can greatly influence you not to follow God. They are some of the biggest ways Satan keeps a person from doing God's will. When God speaks to someone about doing something, the traditions they value can have a louder voice than God's Word, or the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

If you call yourself a Christian, you're required by God to believe His Word. If you're talking anything with a religious heading other than God's Word, you're in religion. If you can't quote the promises of God's Word, and you can't find them in your bible, but you can tell somebody the latest news, and you know the weather forecast, and you get some kind of good feeling because you go to church, you're in religion.

If this is you, you think more of traditions than you do the written Word of God. You wouldn't miss a family reunion, or some church event, or the funeral of a friend, but you'll let days in your life go by without opening up the Word of God and finding verses that are going to change your life.

As a believer, a born again child of God, you never apologize for the Word of God, and you never compromise your stand for God and His Word. You may sin, you may get over into some doubt and unbelief, or worry, but if you're a Word person, you quickly repent, plead your case and get back standing on those promises and believing God's Word.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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