

10 THINGS WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL NEEDING

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We need to be careful trying to help ourselves when the only thing that can help us is God.

Jesus is sufficient.

Jesus is enough.

Jesus is superior.

Jesus is better.

When is “needing” an issue?

When we need something more than Jesus, we are in trouble.

Purpose is to love God and love others and go and make disciples.

Calling is the vehicle God gives you to live out your purpose.

Things We Need to be Careful Needing:

#1: Affirmation

- you are declaring the truth about them
- but often times we just flatter them
- social media magnifies affirmations and flattery
- social media can feed into pride
- God is enough, His peace is sufficient

Colossians 1:3 Paul thanks God for their faithfulness

When you are affirming someone understand that it is the Lord's.

Don't slow down in your work for the Lord because you haven't been affirmed enough.

Our comfortableness in public forums has made us seek after things that we don't need.

Can you imagine if Moses needed the Israelites to affirm him in order to keep leading?

#2: Excitement

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- It confuses your calling
- If you're constantly looking at the next big thing, you're missing where you're at right now

Can you imagine if Ruth decided not to go with Naomi because her vision board didn't have move in with your mother-in-law on it?

#3: Answers, apologies, closure

- they keep us stuck
- if you need answers in order to move on, there is a trust issue
- if you need apologies in order to move on, there is a forgiveness issue
- if you need closure to move on, you might not trust that His plan is already written for you
- The Lord does not ask you to forgive on your own. You have the Holy Spirit inside you.

Can you imagine if the prodigal son's father demanded an apology before letting him come home?

#4: Payment

- there is a movement to monetize everything
- Do you need the money from those things?
- Money - you make for the things you need, not to store up
- It is ok to ask to be paid but as a believer, you need to have a heart and spirit that is ready to be generous before you're ready to be profitable.
- Don't make everything about money
- How can I monetize this and use my gifts for the Lord?
- Give your gifts for free in your local church

Can you imagine if Paul needed a salary to start his ministry?

#5: Attention

- Other peoples' eyes are not more important than God's eyes.
- Jesus died for you. He sees you.
- We cannot need attention more than we need Jesus.
- We weren't meant to be worshipped.
- If what you say requires a lot of eyes and ears in order for you to feel good about what you said, it's coming from you and probably not Him.
- If truth got the most attention, we would all take it straight from scripture.
- We cannot be after more fans than sharing the Word

Can you imagine if Barnabas was more interested in building his own following than encouraging and vouching for the newly converted Paul?

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#6: Easy, Comfortable, Secure

- if you never have to trust in the Holy Spirit, you are not fully living the most beautiful Christian life that is available to you
- step outside comfortable, easy and secure
- If you need to be comfortable and secure more than you need Jesus, you will live a life that is very discontent.

Can you imagine if the disciples asked for a 401k before committing to Jesus?

#7: Friends

- We always want the perfect friend
- You need grace for others + yourself

Can you imagine if Jesus avoided friendship with Zacchaeus because they didn't have much in common?

#8: To Be the Best

- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Being the best is not a requirement of the Lord
- You don't have to be the best at something for it to mean you're called to it.

Can you imagine if David had said no to fighting because he was the smallest or the youngest?

#9: A Title/Role/Achievement

- If we're more excited about titles, the work you're doing won't last
- Surrender your goals
- the pinnacle of our ministry will be death on earth
- Be careful in the way you need to be known.

Can you imagine if Deborah had said no to going to battle because she wasn't allowed to be the general?

#10: More

- If you're never content, then you don't fully understand Jesus and what He did for you.
- The opposite of needing more is being satisfied.
- What looks like more to us, might look like less to God
- Better: A Study of Hebrews | Jen Wilkin

We have all we need because we have Jesus.

Hebrews 13:20