

Remember We Are But Human

In this modern end-time society some are realising the need for the help of our Creator God.

Yet many more of us are afraid to admit our need and to ask for help.

Why is this?

Why is it such a struggle for us to cry out for assistance when we need it so desperately?

Asking for help when needed is showing wisdom.

It is also the answer to fatigue and the *"I'm indispensable"* image.

So what keeps us from this wise course of action?

Plain, stubborn unwillingness to admit need.

It has been bred into us by high-achieving parents, through years of high pressure competition in school, and by that unyielding inner voice that keeps urging us to *"prove we can do it."*

The result of this, painful though it is to admit, is a lifestyle of frustration and impatience.

We become easily irritated, often angry.

We work longer hours, spend less time with family and friends.

Forget how to laugh.

Allow longer and longer gaps between meaningful times with God's Word, the Christian Bible, and enjoy fewer and fewer moments in prayer and meditation.

All the time, the spectre of discouragement looms across our horizon like a dark storm front, threatening to choke out any remaining ray of light.

Maybe it is time we stop dead in our tracks and realise our true calling from our Creator God.

There is no way we can keep pushing our life at this pace and expect to stay effective in our spiritual growth.

Analyse it any way you please, we are human, nothing more.

So slow down and let the Creator God do His work His way by developing quality in us, not quantity.

John 15:5 [New King James] *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*

We need the help of Jesus Christ to accomplish anything that is of eternal value.

2 Peter 3:9 [New King James] *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."*

Our Creator God wants us all to come to a repentant attitude of sins that are mostly a result of human pride, so that He can in the end offer us the gift of eternal life, [Romans 6:23].

In Exodus we read an account of a visit that Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, made to the workplace of Moses, [Exodus 18:13].

Old Jethro frowned as he watched Moses tackle one problem after another, move from one person to another all day.

Exodus 18:14-18 [New King James] *“So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, ‘What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?’ And Moses said to his father-in-law, ‘Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws.’ So Moses' father-in-law said to him, ‘The thing that you do is not good. Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself.’”*

Moses was up to his neck in decisions and activities.

Moses must have looked impressive, planning appointments, meeting deadlines, moving on the run from one end of the camp to another.

But Jethro was **not** impressed.

Moses was somewhat defensive, as most too-busy people are, and he attempted to justify his ridiculous schedule.

Moses was then given some sound-wise advice.

Exodus 18:19-23 [New King James] *“Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God. And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you. If you do this thing, and God so commands you, then you will be **able to endure**, and all this people will also go to their place in peace.”*

This is interesting, I think, that the Creator God wants our lifestyle to be active but also balanced so that we will be “able to endure,” [verse 23].

The truth is that the harried, hurried appearance usually means that you are too stubborn to ease up, too insecure to say ‘no’, or too proud to ask for help.

Galatians 6:1-4 [New King James] *“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's **burdens**, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.”*

Remember this is a two-way situation, it is part of our loving our fellow human beings, but also how they can express their love for us, [John 13:35; 1 John 4:20-21].

Galatians 6:5 [New King James] *“For each one shall bear his own **load**.”*

The Greek word translated “burden” is “*phōrtiōn*” meaning a list or invoice of goods or services we have accomplished in our lives, [**Revelation 22:12; 2 Timothy 4:14; Matthew 16:27**].

The Greek word used to translated “*burdens*” in **Galatians 6:2** is different, “*barōs*” meaning a load that is bearing us down, physically or spiritually.

Are problems beginning to get us down, always in a hurry, that causes us to be angry with a lot of things and people?

I suggest we need to believe that the Creator God loves to hear us call out to Him when we are angry or discouraged and under pressure.

Psalms 103:13-14 [New King James] *“As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.”*

The Creator God knows all the weaknesses that He built into our human bodies, and longs to help us, [Matthew 23:37].

We should follow the example of King David.

Psalms 109:26-27 [New King James] *“Help me, O LORD my God! Oh, save me according to Your mercy, that they may know that this is Your hand, that You, LORD, have done it!”*

When we cry out to our Creator God for help, it will by our example bring honour to God as other people see our personal dependency and faith in His love and compassion.

We must never forget that our Creator God hears our cry for help, no matter what the circumstance, for He knows we are but human.