



From Where I Sit . . .

“What Are We Dedicated To?”

It's been stated and human experience proves that it's true: **“You can't leap a chasm in two bounds.”** The point is that one has to be dedicated to the proposition that he plans to get to the other side or he fails and he falls. Thomas Carlyle said, **“Have a purpose and throw all the weight of your mind and body behind it.”** The American success story is founded upon commitment, dedication, having a purpose that transcends one's comfort or one's selfish desires.

The concept is true whether we speak about business, politics, freedom, or **ONE'S FAITH**. Benjamin Disraeli said: **“The secret of success is constancy (dedication) to a worthwhile purpose.”** The question that comes to mind then, “What Are We Dedicated To?” suggests that we need to consider our purpose, cause, loyalty. To what are we committed?

We realize of course that many people have set their sights on things of this world and are dedicated to the cause of satisfying human desire. Jesus reminds us that where one's treasure is, that's where his heart (his dedication) will be. Then He calls us to a higher plain and points heavenward as the place where our treasures should be laid. Thus, our hearts (dedication) will be there. The Christian life of necessity is a life of purpose and dedication to a cause.

Jesus knew his own purpose at the young age of 12 years old, and was dedicated to being about His Father's business. He set His face to go to Jerusalem knowing that He must die there. His dedication cost Him his life in the flesh, but it fulfilled His very purpose of coming to earth. It's not too early for our young people to set a purpose in their heart to always walk with the Lord and serve Him faithfully. The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder. While they may not know what career field to pursue, or what college to attend, they can very well purpose a direction that will always include the Lord as front and center in their lives.

When Daniel (**Daniel 1:8**) purposed in his heart (this was his dedication to a cause) not to defile himself, he became a power to be reckoned with. Basically all that remains of once flourishing Babylon are memories, and one of the strongest memories we have is of Daniel's role there. He was a man whose purpose was to be loyal to a higher cause than this world – to his God and the faith of his fathers.

We must continue to remind each other that our dedication first and foremost must be to God, Christ, His Holy Word, and to His Body, the church. We must spend all the time that is necessary to secure our faith and ground our understanding in the ways of God so we don't lose our grip (**Hebrews 2:1-4 “lest we let them slip”**).

Our Dedication Must Be Unwavering if we expect to leap the chasm and reach the other side. First We must consider our own salvation to secure it: **“Make Your Calling And Election Sure” (2 Peter 1:10); “Consider yourself lest you also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1)**. We need dedication. We Must be dedicated to the greatest cause in all the world. The cause of Christ, Christianity, going to heaven, helping others to also find the way.

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