

Forty Days of Purpose Devotional

Day 32 "God deserves my best."

God, as we all know, does not see as man sees. His vision is perfect, and it is eternal. When God looks at "our best" He doesn't see what we see. When I think of "my best" I think of what I am now and what I can do now. But God sees what I can become and what I can learn to do, and He wants THAT. To put it another way, the best thing about me is not what I have or can do now, but that I am fashioned in such a way that God can actually transform me into the likeness of His Son. Jesus was a teacher, so if God is transforming me into a teacher I must discern His program and do my bit. Jesus received and loved little children, and God is transforming some people so that they can do likewise. The list could go on and on. The point is that I only offer my BEST to God when I submit to Him, asking Him to mold me and teach me as He sees fit. God wants to build you into something glorious, while Satan wants to destroy you. It is a hard fight, but if you are on God's side your victory is assured:

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."
(1 Peter 5:6-11 [NIV])

We can begin to discern His program for us through the gifts, abilities, desires, personality and life experiences He gave us. If I give Him my best now, He will use all of that to make me my best for eternity.

- God wants your best NOW so that you can become your best – which is also for Him.
- My best now is to cooperate with God's transformation project, growing according to His plan.
- God has revealed a good deal of His plan for me through the way He fashioned me so far.

Eyes are often exalted in poetry, but when was the last time you read a sonnet about feet? But if your feet were as moist and sensitive as your corneas you could not walk. If your corneas were as callused as the bottom of your feet you could not see. If you could not see you would not know where to walk. If you could not walk you could not go where you see you need to go. What part of the body of Christ has God fashioned you to be? Understand this – if God has made you to be a foot you will not be happy cut off and glued to a face, as though you were an eye. You belong on the end of a leg. Only there will you be happy, and only thus will the rest of the body get where it needs to go.
