

Ps Kev's Right Fuel

[MYREVELATION]

Intro: *Prov 10:22* – The blessing of the Lord makes one rich & he adds no sorrow to it!

What makes one rich & a success? The Blessing of the Lord & with it comes no sorrow!

Why is it many people start well but very few finish well? Anyone can start & look impressive at the beginning but very few have the intestinal fortitude & self discipline to still be impressive at the end. So many become rich but seem to have sorrow attached to it!

Business: Alan Bond, Christopher Skase,
Sports: Tiger Woods,
Students: Doctor - but then a few years in they drop out.
Marriage: After the excitement of honeymoon,
Pastors: Bible College – then build a big church for Jesus, yet several years down the track their life is a shipwreck. Their kids hate God, their wife wants a divorce & their integrity is shot. They have lost it all.

Eg Brian Houston – Hillsong Interview painful questions about the fall of his dad in sexual abuse,

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What is going wrong?

Open Your Bible / You Version on Phone let's read – *1 Cor 13:1-13*

Let me give you some context on what Paul is doing. Paul is trying to bring some correction to a church whose corporate gatherings have become a little indecent & out of order. So he is trying to bring some correction.

Chapt 11 – he talks about our personal worship & how to celebrate communion together,
Chapt 12 – Spiritual Gifts & how they should operate & acts of service as the body of Christ,

Eg know people who are not in fellowship somewhere then please encourage them to come back into fellowship as they will die separated from the body.

Paul knows how comforting the law is to us human beings & how we love to make things all about rules & regulations. So before he carries on to talk about some controversial gifts like Prophecy & Tongues and their appropriate use within a corporate gathering he slaps in chapter 13. Right in the middle he wants us to know that the motivating force behind everything must be LOVE.

Chap 13 – Speak in the Tongues of Angels,
Gift of Prophecy
Fathom all mysteries,
Faith to move mountains,
Give everything to the poor,
Sacrifice my life for another,

If I have not LOVE – I am noisy gong & a clanging cymbal. If I have not love I am NOTHING,

So the means does not justify the END – God is interested in the WHY behind when are doing everything. What is our motivation?

John 15:16 says this – You have not chosen me, I have chosen you and appointed you that you should go & bear fruit and your fruit should remain.

Friends, God has called us to be fruitful in this life, but the fruit of our life should remain. It shouldn't disappear in the cloud of sorrow & disgrace.

The scriptures say every follower of Christ will have to stand before His God and give an account of the how he used the life that was granted to him. Let's look at it together,

1 Cor 3:12 -15 If any man builds on this foundation (Jesus Christ) using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day (Judgment Seat of Christ) will bring it to the light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what they have built survives, they will receive their reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

We need to take great care how we live our lives!

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THESIS: Every Christ follower will be able to stand before the judgment seat of Christ & receive their reward if they take time to work this one simple principle into the fibre of their being.

Friends so many will stand before Christ and see the entire work & productivity of their lives on earth go up in flames because they never applied this one simple principle. Totally spiritually impoverished but they make it into heaven by the skin of their teeth.

Another group who are not so fortunate – *Mt 7:* - Jesus is talking to the people about how it is impossible for a good tree to bear bad fruit & it is impossible for a bad tree to bear good fruit.

V21 -23 Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but on the one who does the will of my Father in heaven... what is that will that we bear fruit & that our fruit should remain...Many will say to me on that day. Lord did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name did we not cast our demons & perform miracles? Then he will tell them plainly, I never knew you. Away from me your evil doers.

So what is causing our fruit to not remain? What could ace us out of our future reward? Even our salvation?

THE FUEL – in your tank, what is the motivation that is subtly driving you at a subconscious level? Why are you doing what you do?

WHY: Serve

- Share Faith
- Sharing my life with others in Life Group
- Give Generously
- Hang around certain people

Devotions: Bible Reading – Holy Spirit in conjunction with the Word of God can scrub our motives.

WHAT is fueling your life? **EG** Peter Daniels (you were wrong miss?)

FUELS

(Insecurity)

- Fear of Failure
- Lust for Power
- Money
- Competitiveness
- Revenge & Retaliation
- Religious Spirit
- Jealously

SUCCESS

- Materialism
- Worlds

- (Love for God)
- (Love for People)

- Family
- Morals / Reputation
- Spouse
- Faith

How can you tell when you are operating from the wrong FUEL? You shift blame to others & you secretly rejoice when others fail & you secretly weep when others succeed.

We have to learn to switch our fuel system.

Eg Space Shuttle Launch – certain mixture of fuel in order to break away from the gravitational pull of this earth. However was away they must quickly switch to a different mixture of fuel otherwise they will shoot of into oblivion & destruction.

Eg High Powered Racing Cars – Nitros Oxide run on a very hot fuel mix for a short period of time to create high speeds. However if they cannot use this same fuel over a long period of time otherwise the engine will actually melt down. **AV** Fast & Furious

Truth is – Insecurity, Fear of failure, revenge are *powerful fuels like Nitro Oxide* that can catapult you to greatness. Now the fuel that brought you limited success will soon destroy you if you don't learn to switch it to a different fuel.

EG A wise man once said the road to success & the road to a nervous breakdown are often one & the same road.

We must learn to bracket our launch fuel & then replace it with a more sustainable fuel for long-term success. (Love God & People)

LET'S REDEFINE SUCCESS

True success is not found in the accumulation of wealth, knowledge or lots of material possessions.

True success – is looking long term & making sure the eternal security of your soul & the souls of your family members & friends are taken care of.

Making sure that you accomplish that for which God created you to do & your release those close to you to accomplish what God has created them to do. It's making sure that everything you do in this life is done from right & pure motives so when tested by fire as you stand before your creator your works will stand & your reward will be intact.

Eg some will enter heaven just but only after watching the sum of their life go up in flames...some will miss out all together because they never really knew Christ they just used him to build their own kingdom.

We are called to bear fruit & our fruit should remain – the blessing of the Lord makes one rich & he adds no sorrow to it.

What makes one rich – The blessing of the Lord

What does he not add – Sorrow

So if you have sorrow with your riches then they are not from God, which means you need to ask the question what is the Fuel that has driven you to achieve the riches? Then I implore you to change that fuel that launched you before it costs you everything in this world & then everything in the next.

MINISTRY – reflection – What is Fueling Your Life?

Insecurity – fear of being a no-body

Fear of failure,

This fuel would add to it sorrow and consume all the good as fast as I would try and do it. My motivation was all wrong, I was out to prove to the world that I was a somebody when the truth was I already was a somebody because had taken the time out to create me & knit me together in my mothers womb. But I felt a deep need to prove it to others.

Most people start from a place of insecurity & fear because that is what is at the core of our being. The bible says we spiritually dead in sin sitting in darkness due to the unwise choice of our great, great, great grandparents.

Eg Adam & Eve use to have wonderful fellowship with God – you can read about it in the book of *Genesis*. It says that Adam & God would walk together in the garden enjoying wonderful intimacy. However when Adam & Eve rebelled against God – Sin & Death entered Adam & Eve and a curse was placed upon the earth.

They fell into darkness as soon as sin entered Adam & Eve they felt fear & shame, so they tried to hide from God. Sin & death made them feel insecure around the God they once loved & talked to freely. At this point in time the only thing left to try and please on earth was other human beings? Pleasing people became the order of the day to fill the void left where God us to be. It is blight on human kind for the fear of man is a snare to your soul.

Thanks to Adam – we are all born spiritually dead & separated from God because of Sin cursed to an eternity in Hell,

However thanks to Jesus (the last Adam) he has dealt with the Sin that separates' us from a Holy God. He took the punishment that was rightfully humanities & he nailed it to the Cross. Through his death, burial & resurrection now anyone who wishes to can experience a rebirth, a spiritual birth by which the life of God can once again come & dwell with people.

Jesus came to help us *switch our fuel system* so that we make it into eternity safely.

He knows we start in darkness, sin & death and through the process of surrendering our lives to him to become our Lord & Saviour. When we experience our rebirth at this point darkness leaves & light again restores us back to fellowship with a Holy God. We let go of the old fuel of insecurity, fear & shame and embrace a new fuel called the love & grace of God in righteousness.

Maybe some of you – have never really been born again, you have never fully surrendered your life to God. You really are still operating out of sin, death, shame & fear. Well in just a moment you an change that if you would like to.

Others of us have surrendered our lives to Christ a long time ago but we have not grown up in our faith and we are still using wrong fuel to push us towards perceived success. Today you need to switch the fuel to loving God & loving people.

Change Fuel – did you change fuel – re back to *White Board*

Let the spirit of God bracket that old fuel & right now let the Holy Spirit switch it to a more sustainable fuel.

Scrub Your Motives – let the Holy Spirit does his work!

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind & strength & then love your neighbor as yourself.
I have chose you to bear fruit & your fruit should remain.

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