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NEVER GIVE UP IN DOING GOOD

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

REFLECTION

In an age where the performance of our work is often measured by key performance indicators (KPI), In such circumstance, you may have often wondered if anyone had noticed the effort you put into your work! And if you had been working for a while, you may have also wondered if your hard work have been taken for granted.

It can be frustrating when we put in heart and soul into our work and it goes unnoticed. When our work is recognised and acknowledged we are motivated to continue to work hard. What about those whose work goes "unnoticed"?

Friends, may I encourage you to continue doing your work (sacred or secular) faithfully to the Lord for He brings forth the results. Even as I prepare this, I am reminded of a statement that a sister-in-Christ said that made me consider full-time missions work. I shared with her how I didn't miss home when I went on short mission trips and to that she replied, "when you go on mission trips and don't miss home, maybe God is trying to tell you something." That led me to seek more clarity on what God wanted of me and which eventually led me to overseas missions many years later. I thank God that He spoke to me through her then. To encourage her, I took the opportunity to remind her as well, what transpired many years ago.

More than 15 years ago, I visited a friend's mom just before her surgery and prayed with her. My friend and her husband were missionaries in Davao and were not able to be home, so I offered to pay a visit to her mom who was not a Christian then. Fast forward 15 years later, Aunty recently had a surgery and when her daughter prayed for her, she recalled that I had prayed for her. Since then, Aunty has accepted Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. I wasn't expecting anything when I prayed with her but God brought forth the fruit for someone to harvest years later. I am just privileged to be part of His plan and thankful that He brought encouragement that what we do for him, no matter how "insignificant" it may seem, God sees and knows.

So, my friends, be faithful to wherever God has called you to and work at it with your heart, soul and mind.

Honour God in every way and He WILL ESTABLISH the work of your hands, in His time!

PRAYER

Jehovah Jireh, our Lord Provider, we thank You for the gift of work and service that we can render to You and to one another in and outside our community. We ask You to give us wisdom to serve You in whatever capacity that You place us in, that there is no segregation between sacred or secular. Help us to never tire of serving You wherever You call us to and help us to be faithful. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Give thanks to God for the many opportunities to serve Him and others. Thank Him for the gift of work that we can.
- Pray for yourself, that God will teach you to be a faithful steward of the work that He has called you to and entrusted to you.
- Pray for our church, that we may encourage one another to love and do good works in and outside the church that God may be glorified.
- Pray for the world, that we will learn to serve one another in humility and love for the greater common good, knowing that our labour will not be in vain. Pray that God will bring people to encourage those who feel hopeless, discouraged and want to give up!

Here's a song that we can sing perhaps as we start our work week or day, committing the work of our hands to God!

- <https://tinyurl.com/yc28mnc6>

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

Colossians 3:23