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IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD!

If I am a Christian, everything I am and have belongs to God. God says, **“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price...”** If He owns me, He owns all I have! Take tithing for instance. Many Christians think tithing means the first tenth belongs to God and 90% belongs to me to do with as I please. No, it’s all His, to be used for His glory. G. Campbell Morgan said, “The man who takes his income and says, One-tenth is God’s and nine-tenths is mine would make a bad Jew and certainly not a good Christian.” It’s easy to sing “I surrender all...” but I don’t think very many Christians truly know what surrender to Christ really means.

THE SCIENCE OF PRIORITIES!

Someone has said that “The greatest of all sciences is the science of decision.” I would alter that just a bit and say, “The greatest of all sciences is having priorities.” The Duke of Wellington was a performer on the violin and after giving a great deal of time to it, he began to fear lest his liking for it would get the better of him. He realized that his primary calling was that of a soldier, and so, one day he decided to lay his instrument aside and never touch it again. Though he did not realize it, the issue was whether he would be a clever musician or the victor at the battle of Waterloo. I would say that most Christians do not have the proper priorities, that is, they do not put first things first. They do not put God first! Lesser things come before God. **“Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...”** ~*Matthew 6:33*.

JUST TAKE IT BY FAITH!

Ever wonder why prescriptions are written in Latin? Did you think it was because the doctor didn’t want you to know what is prescribed? Dr. M.R. DeHaan (a doctor before conversion) said there are two reasons: first, because Latin is more precise than English, etc. and second, because it is a dead language - it does not change. So, he said, “Just take it by faith.” That’s what we are supposed to do with the Bible. We don’t understand everything in the Scriptures, but we take it by faith! **“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God...But without faith, it is impossible to please him.”** ~*Hebrews 11:3, 6*.

A WORD TO THE WISE

Forget not your first and principle business as a disciple of Christ is to give the Gospel to those who have it not...I warn you that it will go hard with you when the Lord comes to reckon with you, if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being carefully devoted to giving the Gospel to the lost. - A.J. Gordon