



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 17:38-39

“And Saul armed David with his armour... and David attempted to go... And David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these; for I have not tested them. And David put them off.”

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Every person has received his gift from Christ. One man’s gift will not work for another. “But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:17). No matter how well your gift may work in you, it was not designed for someone else to use the way you use it. Other people may have similar gifts, but yours was fashioned specifically and uniquely for you.

Never measure your relationship with God by another man’s gifts. His gifts will never “fit” you and your self-judgment will always be faulty. “...but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise!” (2 Corinthians 10:12)

It is far better to measure our lives by the one standard that is truly capable of an accurate assessment – Jesus Christ! As we judge our lives by His life, two things will happen. First we will ever see a standard that cannot be attained by our own abilities – it is simply not in us to live like Jesus apart from our continual abiding in Him – moment by moment. Secondly, we will begin to measure our lives, not by our frailties, but by the Greater One who indwells us. Then it can be said without arrogance, but rather a bold confidence in Him, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

What gifts has the Master given to you? Are you using them? How?