



“Let them shout for joy, and be glad, who favour My righteous cause. Yes, let them say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.” And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long.” Psalm 35:27-28

It is a misnomer to believe that the Lord can only be magnified by a certain lifestyle or through a specific doctrinal bent. Listen, He can use any circumstance of life, any devil of hell, or any trouble you face, to bring glory to His name. None of this is dependant upon you in the first place. “Unto Thy name be glory.”

But it is also a different matter what gives Him pleasure or what pleases Him. “Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6) On one end of the spectrum we see a man who left a permanent mark upon the fabric of Christianity and society in general by his vow of poverty. Saint Francis of Assisi pleased God by his faith and his willingness to give up all material and financial wealth that he might be Christ’s witness. His stand also was a bold indictment of the excesses within the Church and its hierarchy. St. Francis’ poverty didn’t please the Lord rather it was that he obeyed the leading He had in faith – that is what pleased God!

Men love to make idols of such thought. St. Francis’ refusal of material blessing was a statement of his faith in God and his conviction from the Word of God. It was not however an endorsement of the hateful spirit of poverty and lack that strips men of their dignity and their ability to provide for their families! Don’t be deceived, our Father’s good pleasure is to give us the Kingdom and supply everything or anything that His children might need. (Luke 12:32; John 10:10; 2 John 2; James 1:17; Romans 8:32; Deuteronomy 28:1-14).

Our ultimate assignment is to obey the Spirit’s leading.

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