

Humility and Purpose

Scripture

“Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone” (John 6:15 NKJV).

Commentary

Jesus and the disciples had just preformed a wonderful miracle by feeding about 5000 people with five barley loaves and two small fish. “Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, ‘This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world’” (John 6:14 NKJV). The crowd recognizing the divine intervention sought to make Jesus their king.

Now Jesus did not allow the people to take Him for He knew His purpose and He was able to walk in humility. Surely, it was a great temptation, albeit He was impeccable, to receive the accolades and allow pride to seize this opportunity for fame and fortune.

Jesus knew His purpose. Do you know yours? One purpose every believer has is to glorify God. Will you allow fame and fortune to pull you from that purpose? Will you lie to make that big deal? Will you hide costs to deceive your client?

Keep your eye on heaven. This world is passing away. No matter how much fame and wealth you gain, it will not even be remembered as the eons of eternity pass by. Unless of course, you spend that time wishing you had not gone after worldly things because of hell’s torment.

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, [you will be] neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2Pe 1:5-11 NKJV).