

# Privileges And Responsibility

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*"And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."*

-- Matthew 19:16

When we think of walking with God and trusting in Jesus, we naturally think of the blessings and privileges that the Christian has. Forgiveness of sins, the promise of eternal life, being led by the Holy Spirit, and help throughout life. Even if and when we err by giving in to some temptation, and admit it, we do sometimes; when we confess to the Lord, we are forgiven. Yes, the believer has wonderful privileges by being one of the redeemed and a part of the family of God.

There are those who, at times, focus on the privileges and think of nothing else. Sure it is exciting to think of heaven and all the joys that we will experience there. Who could imagine anything that would begin to compare? There is another area that we need to consider

that is very important. With privileges there comes responsibilities. We are not saved to just play around and seek pleasure throughout life, but we are saved to worship and serve the Lord, our Heavenly Father.

Israel, at times, got into thinking that because they were children of Abraham that they were to be blessed regardless of how they lived. In Amos 5, we see one of the places in scripture where God warned the people that they were not doing his will. They wanted to see the day of the Lord, thinking that it would be as they imagined it, not as it would be. Israel wanted to see the defeat of their enemies and for them to bear rule over the nations. After all, they were the children of Abraham and so they figured that they couldn't lose.

God told them it would be a day of darkness and not a day of light. It would be a time of judgment and not a day of celebration. Imagine their confusion when Amos told them that the Lord didn't accept their feast days and their sacrifices. **Amos 5:26**, "But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves." Like many others they wanted to worship idols and yet hold to the promises of God. There can be no double-mindedness in serving God, a person either serves the Lord alone, or he isn't serving God at all.

To serve God we have to know where to draw the line in various aspects of life. Work for instance, we have to work, but if a person gives all of his time and energy to work and making money, then it takes him away from the Lord. Food can even be a problem area. We need to eat and there is nothing wrong with it, but remember that God has something to say even about food.

**Proverbs 23:20**, "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: 21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

There are many other areas of life that we are responsible to control. **1 Corinthians 9:25**, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." The flesh is subject to being tempted by anything that affects it. It can be quite a struggle to withstand some of these things that want to take over our lives. **1 Corinthians 9:27**, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Paul was one who felt the responsibility to put God first, and he found it a constant battle. He knew that the victory was worth the effort.

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