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Holy Men and Holy Deeds

Emerson complains in one of his essays that society tends to overlook our essential humanity and to think of us as *being* what we do. There should be no farmers, he argues, or carpenters, or painters; there should only be *men* who farm and paint and do carpenter work.

This distinction is fine but vastly important, for the most vital thing about any man is not what he does or what he has but what he *is*. And first of all, a man must be a man – that is, a human being free in the earth, free to do anything his basic humanity requires him to do. And apart from sin (which is a moral abnormality, a disease in the heart of the man), whatever the man does is good and natural and pleasing of God. Man was made in the image of God; it is that image that gave him his high honor as a man and marked him out as something unique and

apart. His occupation – farmer, carpenter, miner or office worker – is altogether incidental. Whatever he may do for his living, he is always a man, the special creature of God.

Except for the presence of sin in human nature, there could be no nobler sign than the one seen so often on city streets or in the middle of busy highways: “Men at Work.” Whatever he may be doing, the significant thing is that he is a man. “Thou madest him a little lower than the angels” (Hebrews 2:7). And nothing he does can change in any degree his essential humanity. His work can neither elevate nor degrade him; being made in God’s image, he can elevate work by the very fact that he engages in it. A prince walks casually across the field, and his path becomes to the populace something different and wonderful. A thousand oxen had walked there before, but now the field is royal. The humble cow path did not degrade the prince; rather,

he elevated it by his presence. That is as men see things, but it serves to illustrate a higher truth.

“Your calling,” said Meister Eckhart to the clergy of his day, “cannot make you holy; but you can make it holy.” No matter how humble that calling may be, a holy man can make it a holy calling. A call to the ministry is not a call to be holy, as if the fact of his being a minister would sanctify a man; rather, the ministry is a calling for a holy man who has been made holy some other way than by the work he does. The true order is: God makes a man holy by blood and fire and sharp discipline. Then he calls the man to some special work, and the man being holy makes that work holy in turn.

The anonymous author of the *Cloud of Unknowing* sets this truth sternly before his

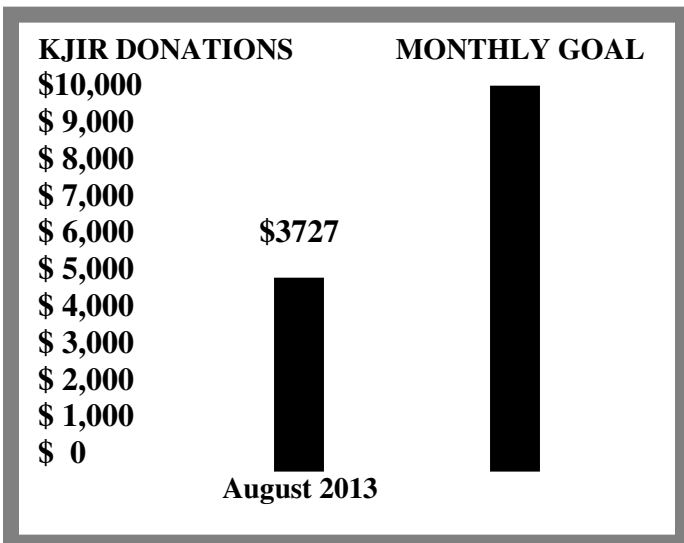
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readers: “Beware, thou wretch... and hold thee never the holier nor the better for the worthiness of thy calling...but the more wretched and cursed, unless thou do that in thee is goodly, by grace and by counsel, to live after thy calling.

Our whole point here is that while good deeds cannot make a man good, it is likewise true that everything a good man does is good because he is a good man. Holy deeds are holy not because they are one kind of deed instead of another, but because a holy man performs them. “Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit...A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit” (Matthew 7: 17-18).

Every person should see to it that he is fully cleansed from all sin, entirely surrendered to the whole will of God and filled with the Holy Spirit. Then he will not be known as what he *does*, but as what he *is*. He will be a man of God first and anything else second; a man of God who paints or mines coal or farms or preaches or runs a business, but always a man of God. That and not the kind of work he does will determine the quality of his deeds.

By:
A.W. Tozer
We Travel An Appointed Way



Words of the wise..... Family.....

The highest Christian life will manifest its practical influence immediately in the home and in the relationship of husbands and wives. It will make the husband loving and gentle and the wife yielded, affectionate and faithful. Domestic fidelity will not be a matter of romantic attachment, but of holy watchfulness, self-restraint, constant regard to the will of God and the highest good of each other. Domestic brawls, jealousies and strife have no place in a Christian family circle, and there is no place where our example and testimony speak more for God than in the practical and sacred sphere of the Christian family.

By:
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In Christ,
Pastor Ken Geisendorfer

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