

Who is Going...? **Part 8: "For The Full Transformation!"**

(Transformation video: LOTR/King of Rohan)

The need for transformation: Under the control of unseen force! Taking counsel dark source! Bound and blinded! Until power for sight, soundness and vigor restored! Reengaged, sword in hand!

"Ready to avenge all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled!"

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Like "the men of Issachar who understood their times and knew what to do!" **1Chron 12.32** Like "David who served his generation by the will of God, then, died!" **Acts13.36** "Moving ahead from the basics to be instructors of many, sharing revelations of Jesus, able to eat meat, skillful, senses exercised to discern..." **Heb5.12-6.3** "I am dead with Christ to live with Him; dying no more, death has no dominion, I am dead unto sin, living for God, sin no longer reigning in my mortal body, that I should obey the lusts of it." **Rom 6.8-12**

"If I am dead with Christ from the elements of this world why should I still live subject to it's rules...? For I am dead and my life is hid in Christ!" **Col 2.20-3.3** "I don't use my liberty for an occasion to serve my flesh, but by love to serve one another." **Gal 5.13** "I put on the Lord Jesus and make no provision for my flesh, to fulfill the lusts of it!" **R13.14** "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: so that by no means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. **1Cor 9.27**

The point is that there's a deeper, wider, higher Christian experience offered to us all... and 2% are takers!

"Farmers, soldiers, athletes, runners..." all hard lives... but not too hard... people have been doing this from the beginning!

And from the beginning there have been those who would "surrender" Him... for the right price... for the right convenience!

What's Your Price?

The lust of the flesh, of the eyes, the pride of this life? **1Jo2.16** Lust for flesh: sexual desire/adultery **Gal 5.16ff** Lust of the flesh: food/drink/finery/ pampering/self-indulgence/ "very delicate" (luxurious) **Lk12.22ff D28.54** Of the eyes: covetousness/curiosity/ glitter-glitz-clamor for glamour **2Pet 2.14-22** Pride of life: social perception/ standing/acceptance/vanity/vain glory of men **Lk 11.43**

The fear of pain, sickness, death? Satan's commentary on man: "Skin for skin! Yes, all that he has will he give for his life. Touch his flesh and he will curse You to Your face." **Job2.4**

Discomfort? **John 6.60** "This is too hard, who can bear it?"

The issue of "will?" **Mk10.22** Being "discomfited?" Wrecking my plans? What's Your Price?

The issues of "maintenance?" You are My disciples if you continue in my word, And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. **Jo 8.31** *Continue:* abide in, abide by, endure (in My word) *Know:* be familiar, resolved in. Continue in My love **Jo15.9** if you love Me you will keep my commandments **Jo 14.15,23** Continue and *keep:* guard from loss, keep from injury. It's the little foxes that spoil the vines! **Song of Solomon 2.15:** Keep the vineyard clear of the little predators... Little enemies and adverse activities that threaten the fragrant blossoms and promised fruit! That come to do injury to the vines...

Let faith and love for God be carefully tended and guarded against predators!

To Guard the Fruit? The answer is different for different people! How much fruit do you want to bear? What quality of fruit do you want to present to the Lord? That will determine how you answer and what you are willing to do! Have to keep answering it... Have to keep maintaining!
To offer the Lord our transformed lives!

"Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit..." John 15.8

Battle for Transformation?

Watching the input you allow knowing you have an enemy... Who knows your nature...

Who chides with you about the Word of God... Satan: "See, it's just one precept upon another, one line after another, here a little, and then a little more there. God: "All so they go and fall and are broken and snared and taken!" **Isaiah 28.13**

How did it happen? "The people have erred thru wine and strong drink – they are out of the way. Prophet and priest have erred thru strong drink – they are swallowed up in wine and out of the way thru strong drink, they err in vision and stumble in judgment... the tables are full of vomit and filthiness so that nothing is clean. Who is going to teach knowledge and doctrine to those who are ready to move on? For it must be by precept, line and little... for rest & refreshing!"

It is how the Lord works with us; precept and line and little by little so that we don't have to do the whole thing at once! (V10)

Who suggests, "it's just a little thing!" "others do it all the time!" What kind of fruit do you want to bear/life you want to live?

Contending against little foxes...

A car, a kid and a matter of heart! A gift, a wife and a matter of gods! "I chart..." I want to live a love for God that excludes all other gods... I want the fruit of marriage that is healthy, and life-giving *to both partners*, and glorifying to God... I want to present a child that knows God, loves His word and bears kingdom fruit... A heart that is as close to His own as I can get... w/words/actions of proof!

That requires a warfare!

Continuing in well doing to maintain the walls of safety and fruitfulness!

"Continue in Word **J8.31**, love, **15.9**, grace **A13.43**, faith **14.22**, goodness **R11.22**, prayer **Col 4.2**, holiness with sobriety **1T2.15**, sound doctrine **2T3.14**... never cast away your confidence **Heb 10.35**"

Conclusion...

Striving for completion should not create one bit of "compulsion!"

Lose no sleep over imperfections: little by little!

Failing the quest should not give you one moment of "condemnation!"

Already acceptable to Jesus... Overly/overtly loved...

The journey opens the way for many humorous/tender "conversations!"