

Brother To The Destroyer

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Proverbs 18:9

A friend of mine recently shared with me how disappointed he was that when he publicly announced a great opportunity, that so many claim they wanted, how so few actually responded. I responded to him with a statement from the Christian Bible, “many are called, but few are chosen.”

It seems that many claim that they want something, but when it comes down to getting to work to acquire it, so few actually pick up the burden and run with it. Many hear the call, but so few respond to it. Rather than be disappointed, I told him, this is just the way it is. Many people talk, few people act, even fewer make the required efforts needed to succeed. And we wonder why the number of righteous dwindle.

When people are called upon to act for this or that cause, those who take up action often do so only at the most superficial of levels. Yet, when it comes down to the real transformational changes that one needs to really make a difference in one's life, so very few make the necessary sacrifices.

It is easy to talk a good game, it is harder to play one. It is even harder to realize that what I am speaking about is no game. It is real life, and the realist of realities. What our mission is goes far beyond whatever superficial and platonic differences that we are all so convinced divide us fundamentally. Yet, the reality is, we are all in the same boat and we are all subject to the same storm. What affects one affects all, and thus one can have an influence over all. All one has to do is to become strong enough to be an influence instead of being one of the many who are influenced.

Whether or not we human beings unleash our extraordinary inner reserves of power depends a lot on how we live our lives. Essentially, if we live right, we can unleash unlimited innate human powers. However, if we chose to live wrong, we end up stifling our inner powers and suppress them. When we do not unleash our innate, inner powers and use them for our own personal betterment, others more sinister come along to manipulate us, to gain access to our inner powers and to extract them, exploit them and use them against us for their own nefarious purposes.

Rightly then did King Solomon (Proverbs 18:9) say, **“One who is slack in his work is a brother to the destroyer.”** When we do not work for our own betterment, we essentially surrender to a force that works for our harm. This is why complacent people never see their lives get any better. Only those who make constant effort see constant results. Once we tire from the effort, we lose our edge. If we do not make the extra efforts to renew our edge,

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then we continue slipping down a precipice that takes us into the depths of depravity, depression and slavery. Society today is just about to hit the bottom of this downward spiral. And when it hits, it will be with a big, destructive bang!

It may be the Will of God to tear down our present corrupt society so that a better one can be built to take its place. Yet, with the fall of one thing, nothing good comes out of it for a long time. If our present society collapses under the growing strain of divisions and unrest, then we can be assured that what will follow for a number of years will not be anything other than apocalyptic. Yes, in the end, good will arise, but the rise of good takes a long time, and in the mean time, the worst of evils, worse than anything at present, will reign supreme.

There never really is an “end of days.” Days and time will continue to march on. Yet, there is no promise that things, the way they are now, will continue. Every great society that has ever arisen has eventually collapsed, and usually in a ball of flames. Yet, life does go on. Life goes on differently, but it does go on.

There are those who can embrace the future and live. Then, there are those who will cling on to the past and “go down with the sinking ship.” Unfortunately, the majority are destined to sink and to drown. This is because although they may have heard the call to live and leave, they instead chose to be complacent and to stay put. *“One who is slack in his work is a brother to the destroyer.”* Many are called, but few chose to heed the call and do what is required of them to live.

This is why that today, most people are like the living dead. Their bodies may be alive, but their souls are dead. God does not want a world full of mental zombies. When this occurs, He simply manipulates the world body politic and arranges for humanity to cleanse itself. The zombies are removed and the remainders are reminded what it means to be human, to fight and safeguard one's life, liberty and pursuits of happiness.

One who is slack in his work instead of doing nothing is actually being destructive. Everything in the universe is in a constant state of movement. Every molecule in our bodies is in constant movement. Every thought in our minds is in constant movement. When we do not move in the ways ordained for us by Heaven, we slack in the work allotted to us by God. Slacking in the work creates turbulence. It is this turbulence that we create, that when it gets big enough, ends up destroying us. We create our own destroyer. The lack of successful work in our hands is what, in the end, does us in. God does not need to destroy us. We do a good enough job of doing this ourselves.

Individual self betterment is our highest obligation and responsibility as human beings. Our differences, be they as they may, must become secondary, so that the greater good, which unites us, can indeed bring us together to serve the higher cause of God.

Everyone has their problems and their distractions. These will put you to sleep and lay you in an early grave. If that is your choice, then continue as you are and remain asleep. But for the rest, the sleepers must awaken. Talk is cheap. Only actions speak. What are you doing? Are you slack in your work, or are you diligent. The results will be telling. Either you are a child of God or a brother to the destroyer. What you do, chooses for you.