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I Had a god

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof...”

II Timothy 3:5

It starts out slowly. Unintentional, but rational and responsible. Actually, it is a very slippery slope. It's so easy to become religious.

We would all scoff at the idea that we are religious because we would never deny the power of God and yet we all do. How do I know? Well, what's your denial?

Are you stopped from passion or pursuit because you're too old, too young, too poor, too sick, or too dumb? Then we have just become religious and denied the power of God. Isn't the power of God strong enough to renew our youth like the eagles, make us wiser than our instructors, open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings that we cannot contain, heal us by His stripes? These are all scriptures, by the way, so yes, the power of God is able to do all and any of these.

Anytime I look at my strength, my ability, my pocketbook, or my circumstance and it stops me from moving in His power in my life, I've become religious. The key here is not looking at my ability, but letting it stop me.

He has talked to me in the last few months about asking Him for the things I needed or wanted. I don't need to work it out in my mind how the answer comes, but I usually do. After all, He gave me a brain didn't He? (For all you brainiacs out there, your mind is to be in subjection to your spirit!) My request would go something like this, "Father, I need "x" amount of dollars for this or that. Yet, He was nudging me to ask Him directly. If I needed clothing, ask for the clothing not the money to buy the clothing. If I wanted whatever, ask Him. You get the picture.

I was in the shower. God seems to like to talk to me there. Maybe I'm more relaxed. Maybe I'm not so distracted. Maybe there's a significance to cleansing? Anyway, again I was mulling over asking Him directly for things when He showed me the god. It was right in the forefront of every request. Money had become a god – the means for which I could acquire other things. The way to go here or there – to do this or that. If the god "money" wasn't present then I couldn't go here or there or do this or that or get the things I needed. Whoa! Wake up call. Major repentance. Thankfulness for Him revealing this.

Let's read what Jesus said, *“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow*



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not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. ARE YE NOT MUCH BETTER THAN THEY? ...Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he NOT MUCH MORE clothe you, O ye of little faith?...for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.”

Matthew 6:25-26,30,32-33 (All caps are my emphasis)

This is Jesus talking. It's in **red**. Now there's nothing wrong with money. The problem was my making it the thing that gave me permission or hindered me from living. If I need clothing, I can ask for clothing. Jesus said God knows and cares about this. If I need food, I can ask for food. If I need to go on vacation, I can ask for a vacation destination. God is able to get all these things to me without one dime coming into my pocket.

It is His Way in which I want to walk. Now if I'm going by my circumstances or the circumstances of others from the past, then I believe circumstances not the word of God!!! We can't let circumstances be a god!

If money is my god, then when I don't have it, I'll stay home, turn out the lights and starve – naked. Thank God – this is not glorious living. This doesn't bring glory to God and His awesome might and power in any way.

Romans 6:16 says, *“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?”* God used this scripture to deliver me from depression years ago. Now I see the same deliverance from another god.

Jesus said, *“Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”* Mark 11:22-24

Now that the money god has come down, my prayers change; my speech changes; the belief in my heart changes; my expectations change; my plans change and even my hope changes!

Oh, what a wonderful **G**od we serve!!! Dr. Debbie