



WILL JESUS SAY TO YOU, “WELL DONE”?

Seven things God expects from every Christian ~ notes by Evangelist James Hood



I. Spirit-filled living -- Ephesians 5:18-6:20 & Colossians 3 & 4

- A. The Meaning of “be filled with the Spirit” -- be controlled by Him and His word (see Col. 3:16)
- B. The Results of being “filled with the Spirit”
 - 1. Singing praise to the Lord and singing admonition to other believers
 - 2. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"
 - 3. Submitting one to another in the fear of God
 - 4. Bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23 c.f. John 15:1-11)
 - 5. Being a witness for Christ / testifying of the resurrected Savior (Acts 1:8 & 4:31-33; I John 4:13-16)
 - 6. Faithful service to the body of Christ with your spiritual gift(s) (I Peter 4:8-11; Rom. 12 & I Cor. 12)
- C. The Tragedy of not being “filled with the Spirit”
God is robbed of His glory when any or all of the above six things are not happening in and through you.
- D. Thieves of Spirit-filled living
 - 1. Worldliness
 - 2. Busyness
 - 3. Laziness
 - 4. Stubbornness

II. Submission

- A. To God -- James 4:7-11 / I Peter 5:6 (also right attitude towards suffering or poverty)
- B. To Others
 - 1. Family members (Ephesians 5:18-6:4 & Colossians 3:18-20)
 - 2. Fellow-Christians (Hebrews 13:7 & 17; I Peter 5:5-7; Note example of three men in Philippians 2:17-30)
- C. Government -- Romans 13:1-7 / I Peter 2:13-17
- D. Authorities at work or school -- Ephesians 6:5-9 & Col. 3:21-22 / I Peter 2:18-25

III. Separation

- A. Separate from Sin and Worldliness -- Romans 12:1-2, 9; 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- B. Separate from False Teacher -- Galatians 1:6-9
- C. Separate from Disobedient Brethren -- Read II Thess. 3:6-15

IV. Seeking the Lord with the whole heart – I Chron. 28:9; Psalm 119:1-3 (and many others)

- A. God instructs you to have certain *attitudes* towards His Word
 - 1. The attitude of Delight (Psalm 119:14-16, 20, 40, 72, 162, 174)
 - 2. The attitude of Diligence (Proverbs 2:1-6; II Peter 1:5a)
Examples: David (Psalm 63), Mary (Luke 10), Paul (Phil. 3:9-10)
- B. God instructs you to have certain *actions* with His Word
 - 1. Hear It (Prov. 4:1-13; Lk. 8:17-18; Rom. 10:17)
 - 2. Read It (I Tim. 4:13; Rev. 1:3)
 - 3. Study It (Proverbs 2:1-6; II Tim. 2:15)
 - 4. Memorize It (Psalm 119:19-11; Prov. 7:1-3)
 - 5. Meditate on It (Josh. 1:8; Psalm 19:14 & Psalm 119:15, 97; I Tim. 4:15)
 - 6. Obey It (James 1:22)
 - 7. Proclaim It (Psalm 96:3; 145:1-12, 21)

V. Faithful and Wise Stewardship -- Luke 12:35-48* & I Corinthians 4:1-2)

- A. Watching – vs. 35-40 (with eagerness and with endurance) c.f. II Tim. 4:8 & Titus 2:11-14
- B. Working – vs. 41-48 (heart/attitude problem leads to sins of omission and commission—vs. 45)

* Consider this passage in light of Luke 19: 11-27 & Matt. 25:14-30. Also see *Evaluating My Stewardship* below.

VI. Sacrifice

- A. The Sacrifice of Praise -- Hebrews 13:15 (also note Psalm 27:4-6 & 50:23)
- B. The Sacrifice of Possessions – Hebrews 13:15
(also note Rom. 12:13; Gal. 6:6, 10; II Cor. 8&9; Phil. 4:17; I Tim. 5&6)
- C. The Sacrifice of Person – Hebrews 13:16, 17; Romans 12:1-2
(also note I Chron. 29:5b; Matt. 16:24-25; Luke 9:57-62; and John 12:24-27)

VII. Sowing the Seed -- Matthew 13 & I Corinthians 3:6-8

- A. God's part: He is powerful / His Word is powerful / He is sovereign.
(Isa. 55:6-11; Rom. 10:14-17; I Peter 1:23-25)
- B. My part: be prayerful / be faithful / be fervent.
(I Cor. 3:5-9; Galatians 6:7-10; Paul exemplifies these truths in Acts 20:17-35 and II Cor. 5:9-21)

Evaluating My Stewardship

Luke 12:35-48 ~ Ephesians 5:14-17 ~ I Corinthians 3:5-15 & 4:1-2 & 5:9-11 ~ Colossians 3:1-5a

I believe that each Christian will give an account to God of the things He entrusts to his or her care, which have the potential to "make a profit" for Him (note Matthew 25:14-30 and Luke 19:11-27).

- 1) **His Truth** -- I am responsible to learn It, obey It, proclaim It, and guard It.
(see Prov. 8:32-36 & 22:17-22 / Luke 10:38-42 / I Cor. 3:6-8 / II Tim. 1:13-14, 2:15, 3:14-4:6 / Jude 4, 5, 17-23)
- 2) **His temple** -- God's Spirit dwells in my body after salvation. He has put these things in my body:
 - a) Spiritual gift(s) -- given by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation to help other Christians
 - b) Talents -- abilities He created me with, which I should develop and use for Him
 - c) A Tongue -- I am responsible to praise and give thanks to God, rejoice in the Lord, witness for Christ to unbelievers, and speak "that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers."
- 3) **His treasure** -- money, material possessions, and "the power to get wealth" (Deut. 8:16-17)
Note I Chronicles 29:10-14, Galatians 6:6 & 10, II Cor. 8 & 9, and I Tim. 5:16-18 & 6:6-20)
- 4) **His time** -- the days God gives me (see Psalms 22:29, 71:15, 90:12, 103:13-15; James 4:13)
- 5) **The opportunities** He has given me **to learn & train** (at home, church, school, job, through books, etc.)
- 6) **The people** He has given me opportunities with as His ambassador (see II Cor. 5:19-20 / Acts 1:8)
I am responsible to accurately represent Christ and faithfully speak for Him to my family, relatives, friends, neighbors, and people at school, work, church, and in the marketplace.

Take time to think, pray, and make any necessary changes . . .
Am I truly doing my Lord's will with His resources?

1. Am I being ethical to serve my Lord with His valuables and gain a good return for Him; *OR* am I spending His resources on myself and cheating my Lord out of what He deserves?
2. Am I laboring diligently to produce the maximum possible return on investment for my Master; *OR* am I being slothful? Have I gotten sidetracked (doing my work instead of His work)?
3. Am I investing in eternal things with my Lord's resources or in earthly/temporal things?
4. Am I doing all I can with all of my Lord's resources to exalt the King and expand His kingdom?
5. Am I seeking to glorify my Lord with His resources *OR* seeking to glorify and/or gratify self?
6. Could Jesus say to me now, "Well done, good and faithful steward" for each of the nine areas of stewardship?
7. Do I really know my Lord's will in each of the nine areas of stewardship? (note Eph. 5:17)
8. Am I truly striving to do **His** will in each area? (note I Cor. 9:24-27 and Col. 1:28-29)
9. Am I daily seeking to better know my Lord and His will for me?
10. When I meet my Lord, will I be excited or embarrassed, acclaimed or ashamed? (II Peter 1:10; I John 2:28)

"I wonder, have I done my best for Jesus, when He has done so much for me?"