

1 Corinthians 13:3

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

I am a very blessed man, because the Lord has blessed me to do several things. One is to teach these daily devotionals on the internet as well as bible studies. Another is the ability to write, produce and record worship music. Finally he has blessed me with the ability to write Christian novels.

But you know what would be the saddest thing for me when I die, is that people would say how great of a bible teacher I was, or how great of a song writer I was, or how great my novels were. Why, because I don't want to be known for those things when I go to heaven, I want to be known for how I loved people, that's why I teach, sing and write books, because I care for everyone who uses any of it. Whether it be learning the bible, worshipping the Lord with the music or how the novels have changed their lives for the better.

But think about this, if you do a lot of stuff, but do not love, you have done nothing. Are you and even your church known best for doing so much, or loving so much?

† **1 Samuel 16:7** *But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

We all know this verse, but do we really realize it? I mean what are our motives for what we do? Even King David prayed:

† **Psalms 139:23-24 (KJV)** *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

If you think about it, that's kind of a scary thing to ask the Lord for, because we know our hearts are evil and we do things out of selfish motives sometimes. Noticed I said sometimes, because there are times we don't do out of selfish motives. Usually those are times when we don't even have to think about it, we just do it.

But still we should pray *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Because we do want to do things out of a right heart.

† **Galatians 1:10 (NLT)** *Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.*