

John 14:8-9

*Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."
Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

Here's a thought to ponder over the weekend:

“Jesus came into this world to reveal the Father (God) to us, not the devil.”

Let that sink in for a moment.

Now that it has, shouldn't we be doing the same thing? Yet how often are we talking about or posting about all the bad things that the enemy is doing, but not the good things that the Father (God) is doing?

Just look at social media and see all the bad things the enemy is doing and how others post about them over and over, and how many Christians jump on that band wagon and do the same thing. It seems people are obsessed at times with all the bad that is going on in the world and they can't stop talking or posting about it. Then they wonder why they are so depressed and have anxieties and worry so much.

But you know what, that's the enemies scheme, his way of thinking, it's to get us to focus more on the bad that he is doing rather than all to good that God has done and is doing for us. Jesus warned us about what the enemy wants to do to us all:

✠ **John 10:10a** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy*

But what does Jesus tell us that He, as our Savior came to do:

✠ **John 10:10b** *I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

You can talk to someone about taking a cruise on a ship, and you can either tell them about all the bad things that happen on the cruise, like getting seasick, possibly a storm coming and the ship sinking etc.... Who would want to go on a cruise if that was all they heard about? Or you can tell them all the good things associated with going on a sea cruise, like the food, the parties, the events, the entertainment, laying out in the sun relaxing.

Or you can also talk to someone about going to Disneyland and focus on the high cost, the crowds, the heat standing in line after line for hours waiting to go on a ride for all of a minute. Who would want to go to Disney Land if that's all they heard about?

Or you can focus on the fun of being on the rides, spending time with your friends and family, the memories you will have.

Jesus told us, ***“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”*** Matthew 6:33 Because when we ***“seek first the kingdom of God”*** then we will ***“have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”***

But in the next verse, Jesus tells us to, ***“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”*** Matthew 6:34

Because when we are focusing on all the bad that the enemy is doing, we are in a sense ***“worry(ing) about tomorrow”*** therefore, ***“The thief”*** will come ***“to steal, and to kill, and to destroy”*** us, because we are boasting on him, and not the good things of the Lord. What hope are we giving to the lost if all we talk about are the bad things in this world and not the goodness of our GOD?

So, as ***“Jesus came into this world to reveal the Father (God) to us.”*** Let’s do the same thing, revealing the Father, and our Savior, Jesus to the world, because they are too familiar with the enemy and all the bad that he does in this world. They need to hear more about the good things that the Father has done for them, and us through His Son Jesus Christ. Once we start taking the focus off what the enemy is doing and put it on the good that the Lord is doing, then a lost world will want to hear what we have to say. That’s why they listened to Jesus, for He gave them words of hope, and that hope was in Him, Jesus Christ the Messiah, the Savior of the world!

† ***John 15:26-27 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”***

† ***Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?***

† ***Proverbs 20:6 Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?***

† ***Exodus 33:19 Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”***