

## Phil 2:12

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

When you are at work and the boss is around, do you work really hard appearing to be a good worker, but then when he or she is gone, do you just kick back and relax barely doing anything? Some people are like that, but the boss really knows who the good workers are, and who are not by the way they work when he or she is not around.

But we tend to be the same with our Christian walk, when we are at church we put on our best for the Lord, making sure we are smiling and happy and praising Him. But then as soon as we leave the parking lot, we are back to our old selves again, angry and miserable people, questioning God all the time.

But just like our bosses, God knows who really loves Him and who really serves Him by the way we act when we are not in church and other Christians are not around.

† **Matthew 25:44-45** *Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'*

I know personally, God has me in a place that He trusts me to do the right thing. For 6 years I have traveled and literally lived in hotels for my job. I am talking months or even a few years at a time. Traveling to other states, no one knows me and I can do whatever I want, with however I want to. I can watch or read whatever I want as well.

But I choose to be obedient to the Lord instead of partying, drinking and sleeping with women or watching nudity and porn in these hotels. Why, simply because I love the Lord and I know that He would not be pleased if I did these things, even though no one else would know. I would know and I also know that God has put me in a place, that maybe ten years ago I wasn't ready for. But I am now, because He has put me in that place where some men, or even women could not do.

What freedom has the Lord given you that you are taking advantage of and using for sin, thinking that no one else knows and you may even use the excuse "well, I'm not hurting anyone". What about God and even yourself? It could be that the Lord has not advanced you to that place where you want to be, because you are not faithful with the freedom He has given you now?

† **Matthew 25:20-21** *So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and*

***faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'***

A real man or woman of God is not one who does things for everyone to see, but is rather one who does not do certain things, even if others can not see. Your integrity and relationship with Jesus is so great that you wouldn't want to do anything that would not be pleasing to Him.

Maybe you have been doing things in secret that no one knows about and the Holy Spirit may be speaking to you now. If that's the case, simply confess whatever it is to the Lord and repent and the Lord will forgive you, even if you have done it 420 times today.

† ***Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."***

† ***1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***