

The Importance of the Seemingly Insignificant

In my life, Father has said some things to me, but which I dismissed as unimportant. Those have even come to me from persons of no significance to me. There have been some significant statements, but as I look back over much of my past life, I can see that I dismissed a lot of what I received in my spirit. As a consequence of my dismissiveness, I haven't been able to receive the benefits of what Father wanted to do in and with me, but I'll never know. Hopefully he brought things back to my attention and I've handled them appropriately.

As an example of dismissing what I've received, I clearly remember two occasions. These occurred in an after-meeting prayer line in the Charismatic system, around the year 2000. With the first one, a person prophetically told me to "Stop performing" – as simple as that. I ignored it when I heard it as I had other issues that I wanted 'God'¹ to deal with. A few weeks later, in another prayer line, a different person told me the same thing. This time I took it in, as it was a repeat, but I did nothing about it. Again, a few weeks later, it happened a third time. On this occasion I thought, "When God says something 3 times, he's really wanting us to pay attention". As a result, I told Father that I would stop performing, and he then showed me where I was doing it.

Acquiescing to his triple instruction changed my life dramatically. I ceased performing to get ahead in my vocation and also in my walk as a believer. This was the starting point of my journey into sonship, because I stopped performing to please him and doing what I thought would impress him, and the pastors. I even learnt to relax a bit more, all from what I originally thought was a byword of little significance.

This triple messaging happened a second time that year, but this time it was, "Stop striving". I was putting pressure on myself at work to achieve school goals, implement the directives of the principal, and wanting to show myself to be an excellent employee. In my walk as a believer, I wasn't relaxed either, as doing things in the religious system is works-based and striving was how I used to do more, and show myself to be an excellent member of the congregation.

Again, I submitted to the third request to cease my striving and that decision also radically changed my life. The importance of my submission it was that, while ever I was performing and striving, I wouldn't be able to live in Father's peace and rest, as a son.

In more recent times I've discovered that two of Father's other instructions to me, to have "No regrets" and "No disappointments", have been important for my growth and development as a son. I accepted his directives to do those two as soon as he told me. I'd learnt my lesson about not regarding his statements as throwaway comments of no importance, and began to put them into practise. I found that it was initially easy, but as pressure was applied to my life, it became harder and harder to comply.

What I discovered by not following those latter two instructions was, "What they cause in my life". In the times I submitted to regrets or disappointments, I discovered that they produced negativity in my life that made things worse. I lost my peace and rest, I wasn't able to relax, I opened up to fear, and negativity made me an unsuitable representative for the Kingdom. I was surprised that Father was right (as he always is) to instruct me to eliminate them. Regrets and disappointments don't belong in the Kingdom and they are very damaging to a person's life as a son. I could have regarded "No regrets" and "No disappointments" as insignificant statements, of no real importance, but I would have been wrong.

So, the 'moral' of this is: **Everything that Father says to us through The Spirit is significant**, no matter how unimportant they may seem at the time. They all need to be 'taken onboard' and put into effect.

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¹ – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to each of them by name, out of relationship. From my oneness with them, I collectively refer to them as The Trinity.