

# What's Holding You Back?

It's very important that we keep a check on ourselves and take responsibility for our thoughts, speech and actions.<sup>1</sup> That's not because we need to be responsible citizens, but because of who we are.

We have autonomy as human beings to make decisions and to live life as we see fit.<sup>2</sup> That feature of our behaviour was given to us at creation as imagers of the Trinity, so it's not to be considered evil. We are daily accountable to the King for every decision,<sup>3</sup> as he's the one who is the supreme ruler of Earth and the one we have submitted to as our liege lord (not in the feudal sense).

If we do what we want – because of our autonomy – without allowing the Spirit to guide us, we're operating in independence,<sup>4</sup> a situation that has no place in sonship. Instead, as spirit-beings, we must constantly listen with our spirit to what the Spirit is communicating to us. He's doing it all the time, in various ways, so we need to be discerning with what comes into our mind.

As I've taught on before, there's another reason for keeping a check on ourselves which relates to our progress in sonship. You see, once we're adopted in sonship to Father, our life from then on is about being trained to operate as a son, the way he wants us to function. It's also about spiritual maturity as we mature as a son, so it's not something to quickly or nonchalantly dismiss.

Maturity as a son means being trained – actually, retrained – to operate like Jesus of Nazareth did. He's our prototype<sup>5</sup>, not someone to learn about from history. That's an important point that needs to sink in: We're supposed to operate on Earth like him. So, on that point, it's patently obvious that we need a 'mountain' of training. But, are we constantly aware of that need? Usually, not, I'd say, because life's situations and circumstances tend to consume our thoughts all day long.

All that means we're 'behind the 8-ball' with our sonship. We don't consider growing in our sonship as essential, so we take on the lazy attitude, "I'm alright as I am". What we fail to realise is that the work of The Restoration of All Things is to be done by us as we manifest as genuine 'sons of God'.<sup>6</sup> To get to the point of fulfilling Father's plan for cosmic restoration, every son needs to work towards maturing in their sonship, as it's our responsibility. That's why we need to be in charge of our growth by submitting to the King's training and reprogramming, as well as partnering with him on what needs to be changed in us.<sup>7</sup>

An essential part of our sonship, therefore, is to keep a check on ourselves:

***Check yourself to see what is holding you back from taking the next step. Fear of failure is not an option if you are going to fulfill your purpose in life. Examine your real reason for any lack of progression. Remember that you are not doing what you do alone; I am your present help in times of uncertainty, says the Lord. Lean on Me and allow Me to give guidance and direction.***<sup>8</sup>

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