God Depends Upon Us

Did you ever stop and consider just how much God depends upon you? God depends upon us in so many ways. He depends upon us to be totally committed to Him and to show each day that we love Him through our commitment. We would do well each day to ask ourselves the question, "Am I showing my love for God through my commitment to Him?"

Jesus declares, "And you shall love the Lord your God will all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and will all your strength" (Mark 12:30). We should be willing to do whatever is needed to show my commitment. After all, we are constantly embattled in a world filled with and entangled by sin. Paul states, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and very high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). We must choose whose side we are on.

Can God depend upon us to increase our knowledge of His word so that we can defend it against false teachers and their followers? Peter instructs us to "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). God expects us to go beyond a state of being spiritual infants by advancing to spiritual maturity (Hebrews 5:12-14). Can God depend upon us to grow spiritually by praying, studying, and then applying was His word teaches us (Acts 17:11)?

Can God depend upon us to defend the truth against every enemy, on the outside or within? Sometimes Christians will defend the gospel if someone they do not like is twisting and perverting it. However, if one of their friends twists and perverts

God’s word, they tend to be very tolerant, or may even make excuses for them. When truth is at stake, we should have no friends except God. Should we ever find ourselves trying to stand in the path of least resistance when it comes to a controversial issue we must take heed. We must be willing to take a God based, scriptural stand (Ephesians 6:13-14, Jude 3).

Can God depend upon us to take an active role in the work and worship of the church here in Cleveland? God has not placed the responsibility for building up the local congregation on the shoulders of only one person. The preacher’s role is to preach the word (2 Timothy 4:1-5). The elders role is to oversee (Acts 20:28-32). And, it is everyone's role to work (Acts 20:28-32). The church will not grow unless EVERYONE does his or her part.

Can God depend upon us to be steadfast and immovable against sin and immorality (1 Corinthians 15:58)? As the world continues to embrace adultery, fornication, homosexuality, and the like (Galatians 5:19-21), will we just go along to get along, or will we share what God says (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Can God depend upon you?