

No man can offer truly effective service to the Lord unless he has entered the life of restful trust in God. Because then we are identified with Him in His risen life. We cease our struggle in self-centered accomplishments and live by the power of Jesus' resurrection. That is real victory.

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*"Pride goes before destruction."* (Proverbs 16:18). We need to ask God to search our hearts and root out this subtle peril that has time and again ruined Christian men. A balanced Christian knows how to accept the praise of men with diffidence and to welcome their criticism with concern. When you begin to accomplish something for God, watch for pride to follow and repent of it before the cross.

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If I am afraid to speak the truth lest I lose affection or lest the one concerned should say, "*You do not understand,*" or because I fear to lose my reputation for kindness; If I put my own name before the other's highest good, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

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