

Daily devotional, January 21, 2021, Hopelessly Devoted to You

The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. Deuteronomy 30:6 (NIV)

We were made for companionship with God. God draws us to Himself. God courts us as a man does a woman. We were made to long for God. There is a place in our hearts that can only be filled by God. The problem is that we tend to try and fill it with other things or other people.

Those of us who are in close relationships often end up wanting respect from our partner. We long for and anticipate receiving that approval or affirmation. We draw back and wait in expectation of the other person to meet our emotional needs. Too often we want those things without having to tell the other person what it is that we need. We want them to just know what it is that we want or need. We feel that it is something that they should intrinsically know if they truly love us. The problem is that we are looking in the wrong place. We are looking to the wrong person.

If we instead look to God to be that person who sustains us we will not be disappointed. God knows our hearts. In fact, God not only can see into the depths of our hearts, but God knows our very souls. As written in [Ps. 56:8](#), God collects our tears in a bottle when we are hurting. God sings over us whenever we celebrate ([Zep. 3:17](#)). God intervenes for us when we feel something so deeply that we can't find the right words ([Rom. 8:26](#)). God also longs to give us our hearts desires if we appreciate our lives in God. (Ps. 37:4)

What might happen if we were to look to God for those things that we seek from our spouse, our mate, our family or friends? Do you think things might be more peaceful deep within ourselves as well as in our various relationships if we gave our hearts to God completely – very much in the way we want that special person in our lives to give their hearts to us? If our focus is on growing closer to God and allowing God to guide us might not our relationships end up being more of what we long for them to be? God has cut away our heart in such a way that only God can fill it completely. And God will continue to cut out other things that stand between us and God.

Prayer: Lord , please help me to focus on serving you according to your expectations. Guide me through your Holy Spirit to make decisions that will make you satisfied with me. Help me not to compromise my decision to faithfully serve you. Enable me with grace to honorably walk before you always, serving You with honor in all I do. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.