RESOLUTE

Dec 31, 2017

I. Mark 9:14-29; Matt 17:14-21
   A. Resolute - Marked by firm determination: resolved; bold, steady
   B. Prayer and Fasting -
      1. Praying - Talking and listening to God, spending time with Him.
      2. Fasting - Saying no to something in the natural more than you normally would in exchange for saying yes to something in the spiritual more than you normally would.
      3. Job 23:12 12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.

II. Mark 9:14-29 - Why could we not cast it out?
   A. Matt 17:20-21 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."
   B. Prayer and Fasting causes us to experience things previously not experienced because we SUPPRESS us not because we IMPRESS God!

III. Two questions for 2018:
   A. What do you want me to WANT?
   B. What do you want me to STOP or LEAVE BEHIND?

IV. RESOLUTE - SELLING OUT TO BUY ALL IN!
   A. Disciples - Mark 10:28-30
      1. Matt 16:18 - Gates are DEFENSIVE; Church is OFFENSIVE
      2. Luke 8:28 - Jesus did the tormenting
      3. Ps 84:11 11…No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.
   B. Hernan Cortes - Spanish explorer to Mexico - February 1519
   C. Rich Young Ruler - Matt 19:16-22
      1. God asks us for everything because He loves us too much to ask for anything less.
      3. Clinging too tightly to what we have leaves no room for what God wants to give us.
   D. Elisha - 1 Kings 19:19-21 - Living the “good” life
1. We get stuck living out other people’s expectations.
2. When we are exposed to something greater we will drop something lesser.
3. He completely sold out of the plans of his father to buy into the plans of God.
4. The end of Elisha the farmer and the beginning of Elisha the prophet

1) **What do You want me to want?**

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2) **What do You want me to stop or leave behind?**

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