

God is your Rewarder

I appreciate you! Many times, you may feel forgotten because it seems that no one notices your good deeds. This makes it especially difficult to keep on performing with a smile when you are doing your good deeds in the midst of your own troubles, hardships, or difficulties. But God wants you to know that He sees, and He cares. He wants to remind you that your greatest deeds will always be the small things that no one notices and that He is keeping a record of it all. The Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 1:23, "Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul..." Paul was keenly aware that God knew about everything going on and was recording it.

Some years ago, I was at a fast-food restaurant waiting for a friend, observing the people as I waited. A well-dressed man came in, ordered his food, and then waited for his order to be served. As he waited, I saw various mannerisms that let me know he was a boss and was used to "being in charge," getting things done on time and in his way. As I observed, the workers behind the counter and in the kitchen were working as fast as they could to serve to the best of their ability. And in just a short time, his order came, he ate quickly, and then he departed. I watched as others came in, whether they were male or female, various cultures, and ethnic groups, they all received the same service as he.

Later I thought about these different classes of people. Here we had a man that had the ability to run a successful business, and by his looks, his income would have been much greater than those serving him. Yet in all of his wisdom, in all of his ability, he was so dependent upon those making much less money than he - and they did it with a smile! They were friendly, courteous, and prompt, doing everything in excellence. Their job was equally as important as his - just different. He may never have stopped to observe their performance because it was rush hour, yet it did not change how they thought of themselves or how they served. They just continued serving both the rich, and those obviously not so rich, with the same smile, being courteous and prompt. No doubt each person behind the counter had problems, situations, or difficulties in their lives but they performed equally good deeds to all who came to be served regardless of any apparent appreciation.

So even if no one notices what you do, don't let that discourage you, don't let that stop you from building your record in heaven. I encourage you to continue doing your good deeds - and do it with a smile, doing all in the most excellent way you know how. Not being noticed doesn't mean that you are not appreciated, you are! God notices what you do and He appreciates it so much that He will record it and make plans for your reward that only He can give. So keep on keeping on!

Dear Father,

I pray for those serving in good times and in the bad, when they are sick or well, in sadness or joy, with money or no money, in hard times and troubles. Daddy God I ask for you to pour into them the wealth of heaven where there is no sickness, no lack, much joy and abounding love. Wherever they lack, fill it, wherever they hurt, heal it, wherever they grieve, bring joy, and wherever they feel unloved, let your love overtake them!

Daddy, you love each of them and I desire that you bless them beyond measure, in their natural man and in their souls. As your love falls upon them like a boundless ocean, may their heart be enlarged to receive it all, to receive the wealth of your love in unprecedented proportions!

Daddy God, I believe that you are encouraging them like no one can. And I know that you are lifting them from every burden, every struggle, and every hardship, for your great name's sake! Thank you for hearing and answering their prayers. Daddy God, only you can reward them for the deeds they do with a smile. I pray that they feel you right now, right where they are, and that they know of a certainty that you do care about it all. Their deeds are being written in heaven, and you will reward as you said you would. Thank you, Daddy God. Amen!

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