

# Am I Enough?

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What gives us our value, sense of well-being, affirmation?

What really matters to us?

Are we constantly defined by what we do?

Am I enough or am I always looking for something more?

Being an 'accountant' is not me!

Being a 'conference speaker' is not me!

Being an 'author' is not me

Doing the webcast is not me!

So who am I?

We need to get away the the mentality that segments us into our activities

I am a husband and a father.....

I am a son to my Heavenly Father (might not be a very good one all the time BUT I AM ONE) 😊



And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man. (Luke 2:49-52 ESV)

What mattered to Jesus was being about his  
Father's business

Yet he was so secure he could go back with  
Mary and Joseph because they did not  
understand

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. (Luke 4:16-20 ESV)

I believe we should seek to do everything to the very best of our ability

In our families, at work, in the church may our desire be to do the best we can

**BUT** not to such an extent that we seek to use what we do to determine who we are

End up pushing ourselves forward



Who we are is not what we do!

Who we are comes out of a relationship

Like Jesus - does our relationship with the Father determine who we are

That we can become so secure in our identity as sons and daughters that what we do becomes irrelevant

Jesus' relationship with his Father was everything

Jesus' Baptism, Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Satan's attack on Jesus, Matthew 4:3&5

“If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down”.

Mount of Transfiguration, Matthew 17:5

“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

Jesus before Pilate, John 19:6-7

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."



Until and unless we are secure in our relationship with Father we will always be seeking something in and from ourselves

Leaves us feeling unsatisfied and constantly trying to reach the ever-changing goalpost

We always have the question: “Am I Enough?”

It is, of course, the wrong question!

The right question is: **Is Father always enough?**

Is he the source of ALL our life? (not just what we wrongly call 'ministry')

Is he big enough that we can totally depend on him?

When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvellous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. (Eph 3:14-20 NLT)

All we need for our families, for our work, for our church, for all the things we do and are involved in - come from Him.

I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit - not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength -that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. (Eph 3:16-17 The Message)



How is the state of our hearts?

When we live with open hearts where there is the constant flow of his love into us, filling us and then overflowing then he is enough!

Where we have closed our hearts then it can be a different story!

Is Father enough or do we need to give him a little helping hand?

El Shaddai - One who mightily nourishes, protects and supplies for his people.

His love is all we need..... 😊