

## Effective Living!

*"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."*

*1 Corinthians 15:10*

It is not God's desire to have us work our entire life only to find out in the end that there was a better way! The heart's cry of every believer is to be effective in this life before the Lord. No one intentionally labors for nothing. We want to be effective. We want to make a difference. And yet, we cannot ignore the Master's words to us in Matthew 7 when He spoke, *"Depart from me, I never knew you."*

We respond to God because of His goodness toward us, not because we must, but because our life has experienced revival! Your life will not be wasted as you come into dynamic relationship with Jesus. The Apostle Paul gives us the secret to effective living in this verse when he declares *"yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."* Let grace do the work for you! Discover the grace of God for your life all over again. Let your life become a journey of giving the grace of God away! Grace is tangible, measurable, and can increase as well as diminish. Grace is received through Faith. And Faith is determined by hearing the Word. But hearing the Word is not determined by God. It is determined by us. The Word gains entrance into our life as we intentionally turn our hearts toward Him. It is determined by the focus of *our hearts!* That is why two individuals can hear the same word – one will receive that word and the other harden his heart against it!

Grace is available right now for every man, woman, and child but it is not automatic; it must be received. Have a heart softened to receive all that God has for you! Quit comparing yourself or look to yourself for the answer! The grace of God works *through* the individual that believes Him. That puts all of us on an even playing field, so to speak. Everyone and anyone can flow in the grace of God! Just dare to believe God! Personal revival will create effective living. So why not begin today? There is a calling and a purpose with your name on it. There is a function in life designed by Jesus Christ just for you. Don't let your heart become so hard that you reject such goodness. Your best days are before you!

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