

C & C: What Lack I Yet

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Matthew 19:16-22

16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**

18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, **Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,**

19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: **what lack I yet?**

21 Jesus said unto him, **If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.**

22 But when the young man heard that saying, **he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.**

Do you desire to know what you lack with your walk with God? To grow a deeper spiritual walk with God isn't it important to know what you lack still? Do you find yourself worried about what might be made known to you? That is a strong indication that you need to ask "what lack I yet?"

Come before God with great humility, meekness, and with a true heart before asking the Lord "what lack I yet?" You may already know many things in your walk with God that you need to work on and need help from God with, but even so you may still be doing things that are displeasing to God that you need to know what they are so that you can ask God to help you to work on them. Our goal is to be Christ like and to walk pleasing before our God.

Do you lack love? The love described in 1 Corinthians 13, not the love you made up from your own understanding of love. Charity equals love. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth". (1 Cor 13:4-8) Do you lack patience? Meekness? Desire? Are you slothful? There are so many aspects to our walk with Christ that we need to work on in our lives so that we can be more like Christ and walk pleasing before our God.

Psalms 19:9-14

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

As King David has said “Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.” Though many of our shortcomings are apparent in our walk with God while we endeavor to correct these shortcomings and grow in Jesus Christ and the knowledge of God, we also want to make sure that our secret faults and sins are made known to us so that we are no longer in danger of hell fire and so that we can correct those things that are displeasing to God. “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

What lack I yet? The answer to this question may very much surprise you. It may also make you very sorrowful of which you need to quickly repent of as this is what the rich young ruler did when Jesus told him what he lacked. Pray and ask God to be willing to give up whatever you are lacking. To change whatever it is in your life that is displeasing to him. To desire to be more Christ like and obedient to the Word of God. If you do not change your ways this may cost you your eternal life with Jesus Christ. Is this what you want? Is that your true desire? If that answer is no, then you need to begin to examine yourself to see whether or not you are in the faith? “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2 Cor 13:5)

How can you examine yourself to see whether you be in the faith and prove your own selves without the knowledge of the scriptures to examine yourselves by? “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.” (James 1:22-24)

Do you lack joy in your Christian walk with God? Do you lack the peace of God in your life? Is anxiety and depression wreaking havoc in your life? Are you longsuffering? Is your speech edifying to those around you? “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” (Col 4:6) “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” (Eph 4:29-30)

Are you struggling with self control? Are you struggling with your thoughts and imaginations?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we **walk** in the flesh, **we do not war after the flesh**:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare **are not carnal**, but **mighty through God** to the **pulling down of strong holds**;))

5 **Casting down imaginations**, and **every high thing** that exalteth itself against **the knowledge of God**, and **bringing into captivity every thought** **to the obedience of Christ**;

James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and **he will flee from you**.

What lack I yet and what are my secret faults Lord Jesus that I may know and that you may help me to work on in Jesus name. Amen.