

IS BEING "SOMEBODY" IMPORTANT?

Genesis 3:1-6; 16-19

Introduction: Most people want recognition and some will go to great lengths to get it. However, there are some, a few, who had rather just "be left alone" and go their own private lives. Why do most people want to be "somebody?" "I am more important than you" attitude. Children do a lot of things, some dangerous, to get attention from parents and teachers. Is this some "inborn" attitude? Where did this "want to be seen" come from?

I. "MAN" HAS ALWAYS BEEN "SOMEBODY" (*Genesis 1:27*)

1. Man was created in the IMAGE OF GOD, with a will, emotions, a spirit, an intellect, a soul.
2. Parents, what do children have to do to be "somebody" in your eyes?

II. FEW GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO BEING "SOMEBODY" IN GOD'S EYES

1. Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking they were nobodies in God's eyes and that by eating of the forbidden fruit, they could become "somebodies" and God would have to recognize them.
2. Since then all have sought to EARN significance, to be somebody.
 - Remember Annanias and his wife Sapphira wanting special recognition in their Church?
 - People living outside their means wanting recognition.
 - Those who do anything to get the world to remember them.
 - "I want to go out with a "bang." attitude.
 - Those who wear odd, unusual, clothing, body marks, jewelry, seeking attention.
 - Those who want others to see them as unique, somebody, superior.
3. Being a somebody in whose eyes?
 - Who really matters anyhow?
 - Satan has led us as he did Adam and Eve to think that fellowship, acceptance by God, God's way is just not enough. We have to do something to get His attention.
 - A Christian is somebody to God the Father, who loves us, to Jesus His Son, who died for us, to the Holy Spirit who indwells us, to the angels, who rejoice over us. So who else can really matter?

III. WHAT BEING "SOMEBODY" COSTS

1. Adam and Eve lost everything. The garden, eternalness, relationship with God and were given sweat, pain and death.
2. Annanias and Sapphira lost their lives and property.
3. Think about your self. What has been your drives, ambitions to "be somebody?"
 - What makes you feel important?
 - What has been the cost? Friends? Family? God?
 - *"...what shall a man profit if he gain the world and lose his soul..."*

- What does one really gain by trying to be "somebody" in this world? Can it impress God?
Can it cause God to think more of you?
- 4. Since Adam, man has felt he has to be "somebody," make his mark.
 - This idea enslaves to the world's ways, to Satan's ways.
 - One cannot be the person God wants with this attitude.
 - No matter how much, what, who, power is never enough to truly be somebody.

CONCLUSION:

1. Satan has deceived man us to think we must earn the right to be somebody.
2. In God's eyes we already are!
3. Can you accept the truth, the fact, that you are already somebody to almighty God? So stop trying to be somebody you can't nor need to be. Just be YOURSELF...be YOU.