

Convenience vs. Devotion (Part 2)

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Scriptures:

- Ephesians 6:11
- Luke 9:23
- Luke 9:23, *Mirror*
- Galatians 2:20, 21, *NLT*
- John 15:5
- 1 John 3:18, *Mirror*
- Acts 2:42, *TPT*

Summary

Convenience can quietly become one of the enemy's most effective strategies against our devotion and participation in God's mission. The devil doesn't rely only on overt temptation but also uses subtle distractions that cause us to drift from intentional living. Jesus' mission revealed that the Father removed sin and shame, reconciled humanity to God, destroyed the works of the devil, and established a new covenant of grace. Our role isn't to strive but to believe the gospel, yield to the Spirit, love people, and participate actively in God's ongoing work. Grace empowers participation rather than passivity and specifically calls us to embodied community, not to isolated convenience. Taking up the cross daily means agreeing with what has already ended at the cross and living from our new identity in Christ. Devotion grows from relationship, rhythm, and presence, not pressure, and God's grace awakens hunger rather than replacing it.

Notes:

1. We must be on the alert for the enemy's tricks. He wants to distract us from our assigned mission.
2. The enemy has developed a strategy against us. There's danger in convenience, which can be defined through a spiritual lens.
3. We play an important role in Christ's mission. We're committed to believing the gospel fully and resting in what Jesus already finished. We live from sonship rather than striving for acceptance or completion. We yield to the Spirit so that Christ can live His life through us instead of us relying on self-effort.
4. Grace and the cross impact our identity. They teach us self-denial, godliness, love, and devotion.
5. We must deny our old self. Denying self means rejecting a false, performance-based identity. and aligning our inner narrative with who we truly are in Christ.

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