

The Value of Living in the Presence of God

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Scriptures:

- Ephesians 6:11
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Luke 9:23
- Luke 9:23, *Mirror Translation*
- Romans 12:1, 2, *Mirror Translation*
- Romans 12:1, 2, *NLT*

Summary:

Convenience is one of the enemy's most subtle strategies because it slowly pulls us away from devotion without obvious resistance. While convenience can be useful, we discover that it becomes dangerous when it replaces participation, presence, and purpose. Grace frees us from striving, but it never excuses us from engagement in the mission God has entrusted to us. When things that are convenient to us drive our lives, we begin drifting into apathy, passivity, and a loss of spiritual depth. Faith was always meant to be embodied and relational, not detached and hidden behind digital substitutes. Transformation requires intentional participation, not endless consumption of spiritual content. As followers of Christ, we choose relationship over ease, devotion over comfort, and living sacrifice over spiritual indifference.

Notes:

1. Recognizing the enemy's strategy involves defining convenience biblically.
2. The enemy uses strategies, not just blatant attacks. Convenience is one of those strategies designed to quietly move us out of alignment rather than confront us directly.
3. Grace frees us from earning righteousness and trying to achieve what Jesus has already finished. It never excuses us from participation in God's work.
4. Convenience leads to a drift toward apathy. An embodied walk differs from detached faith.
5. Indifference brings a subtle danger. Apathy affects the church. Christianity is relational. Technology has limits.

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