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3. How To Partner With Christ For Delivering The Desired Goal

The third component of partnering with Christ for victorious living is delivering results on time. The problem many of us experience is the issue of de-commitment. We *de-commit* (break our commitment) somewhere along the way and the job does not get done. Even with high self-confidence and clearly functioning in God's will, we do not follow through on the activity as planned. It may be fear, fatigue, distractions, diversions or any number of blockages, but the result is the same – an *uncompleted goal or task*. So, the issue is one of commitment. How can a person stay committed until the job or task is finished? Once again, partnering with the True Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the solution. Whenever a person *commits to de-commit*, have him/her invite Jesus into the process and ask Him if He wants the person to stop or keep going until completion. For example, if a person wants to take Friday afternoon off, have him/her invite Jesus into the decision and ask Him if He wants the person to stay with the task or take a rest. In some cases, he will communicate the need to complete the task first before resting and at other times He will say – take a rest and pick this up on Monday. Have the person listen for the wisdom that Jesus wants to offer in the situation.

Once again, the benefit for the person is knowing what God's will is in the situation. If the communication is to complete the task, then a new drive and energy will be made available to help the person complete the task. If the communication is to rest, then (s)he can rest without guilt. Either way there is more freedom to proceed in the indicated direction. When the person partners with Jesus and finds extra energy to complete the task, there is now more material to put in the positive cup. This good news helps build up the positive cup and as a result the person's self-esteem and self-confidence continues to grow. This process reinforces the person's story and causes a growing strength and ability to influence the future in a positive way.

Active Daily Relationship with Christ

In summary, the principle of inviting the True Lord Jesus Christ into past memories for inner healing can equally be applied to the present. As the individual invites Jesus into present thoughts, there is a greater chance for victory. A number of men are using this principle to overcome their addiction to pornography. When the first thought of desire or temptation comes into their mind, they invite Jesus to come into that place in the mind where the thought resides and they state their will that they do not want this thought or desire to be there. They then ask Jesus to take it away and replace it with the truth that Jesus wants them to have. This process is active and immediate. It is also a function of the person's will. As (s)he invites Jesus into the thought to take it captive, Jesus comes and helps the person live in truth. Obedience to that truth is then the key to victorious living:

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32
