

Simpleness

Radical Simplicity

Suggested Reading: Romans 2:11 and 8:28f

Simpleness is the first of the new words that we can use in our walk in Life. Simpleness can help us begin a walk of Life and help us understand and communicate the foundations of that walk.



A pamphlet on simpleness ought to be simple, so let's begin.

There is often an underlying assumption in the Christian community that the more you know and understand, the better Christian you are. Is that true? Romans 2:11 says, "God is not a respecter of persons." It says that God has no favorites. It means that no one person has an advantage over any other person in discovering and receiving all God is and all He has for the people of His creation. It means that a person of great intellect and great education does not have an advantage over a person of little intellect or little education. Both have an equal opportunity to receive all that God has for them.

It says in the Bible that the early disciples were ignorant and unlearned men, yet Jesus chose each one of them. On the other hand, the apostle Paul was a man of great learning; yet in Philippians 3:8 he said he considered his great learning and accomplishments under the law "as rubbish." It is clear that our Life in Christ is not based on our intellect or understanding.

If the Christian life isn't based on great knowledge and great learning, then it must be simple...so simple that anyone can comprehend all that is required to participate in the eternal purpose of God.

Simpleness. The things of God are simple. Be clear: if the Christian walk becomes complicated, you can be sure you have missed Him and His purpose in your life.

Prayer: Engage your heart and pray: "Father, give me your eyes to see, your ears to hear, and your heart to understand the clutter and complexity in my walk that stand in the way of my being changed into the image of Jesus. I give you that clutter and those complications; I confess I do not want them in my life. Empower me to remove the complexity from my life so I might understand everything you have planned for me in Christ Jesus from before the foundations of the world. I simply want You."