

Pathwork on
Attitude for Being In Service

Pathwork Lecture 27 Escape Possible Also on the Path

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| 19 | <p>... Many of my friends here seriously desire to fulfill a task in God's vineyard. But have you ever asked yourself whether you are truly ready for it? When I ask, are you ready, I do not mean that you have to have a great deal of knowledge, because this intellectual knowledge will be given to you in one way or another so far as it will be necessary. But in other ways, are you really willing to sacrifice when sacrifice is necessary? Ask yourself why you want to do it. Oh yes, there is a part of you that is very sincere, that wants this out of pure reasons or motives. However, try to discover the other part that mingles in, the part that may not be as ready to pay the necessary price and therefore merely wants ego gratification. This part wants to fulfill a task mainly to receive recognition and appreciation, or perhaps to cut a heroic figure. No, my friends. First you have to work in very small ways before you are worthy to fulfill such tasks. You must not expect that God's world is lenient in this respect. It may be lenient in many other ways, but here the responsibility is too great. If you fulfill a task, you must realize that it no longer concerns you alone. There are other people involved, and if you disappoint them in any way, it will count very much against you. You have to figure that you will work for many years without any recognition; you must really learn to sacrifice. Not only must you give up your comfort and some of your time, but also other things, my friends. These are not outer things, for that would be so much easier. These are inner things. They comprise most often what is most difficult for you: giving up your pride, your fear, your self-will, your egotism, or a particular resentment or resistance to a person.</p> |
| 20 | <p>To fulfill a task demands a great severity with the self and by the self. It means that you have to count, not on recognition from any human side for a long time, but on people who at best take your help for granted, and at worst are against you. For a long time you have to take into account that nobody but God and yourself will know what you are doing. If you are still willing to continue under these circumstances, you will be tested for it. And if we recognize that you are ready, we may try you out, but it may only be a try -- for many are called but few are chosen.</p> |