
“Your Spiritual Radar”

Let see if this sounds familiar. You have just attended an incredible worship service at church or, possibly experienced an anointed quite time of prayer and meditation with the Lord and your spirit is moving within you. You know that you have felt the presence of the Lord upon you. You can hardly contain your emotions so you begin to shout for joy or weep with gratitude to the Lord. At that very moment, you ask the Lord to use you. You open up yourself to be used by God in a mighty way and commit to Him that you are ready, willing and able to handle the task. You have all the right intentions because you are fired up inside and ready to conquer the world for Jesus. These emotions ride high for a while, then you get in your car and miss the green light or someone cuts you off. Those fired up emotions have now been taken down a notch. Then you get a phone call from someone who tells you something you did not want to hear. Take it down one more notch. Finally, you get to where you are going after being stuck in traffic, not to mention, hungry. At this point, your spiritual radar which was tuned into God and waiting for instruction has just about flatlined! God could not get a signal to you to send you instruction even if He tried because your spiritual radar is not in service. What happened? Just a little while ago, you were pumped up and ready for action. I mean, you had your spiritual “game face” on. You were convinced that God was going to use you and you were going to be ready. After all, you told Him that you would be available for usage. Now, a bum on the street with angel wings sticking out of his torn up overcoat couldn’t get your attention. What happens when you and I turn our spiritual radar off? We miss the opportunities that God provides for us to not only do good, but show the love of Christ, while giving God the glory.

We have all been there, haven’t we? We let our spiritual radars dip down to low and miss the clear signals that God is trying to send us. The result of this unfortunate happening is someone else misses the blessing that God intended for them through us. In hindsight, we can all think of times when we felt after the fact that we had missed our chance to share the Gospel with someone, or pray for someone, or show kindness to a stranger, or do something special for a friend or family member who really needed it, or encourage a co-worker, or be a listening ear, or a hug giver, or give financial support, and on and on. Have you ever been there? Keeping our spiritual radars on is not good enough. They have to be on high and sensitive alert so that we don miss the opportunities that God presents to us. In Hebrews 13:2, we see that Paul tells us that without knowing, ‘some people have actually entertained angels when they have entertained strangers’. So he exhorts us not to forget to entertain strangers, in other words, keep the spiritual radar on high because you never know who you could be meeting or helping. We can even see this principle at work when we study in Luke 14:13 what Jesus told those around Him at a banquet. Jesus spoke of inviting the “..lame, the poor, the crippled, the blind...”, in other words, the less fortunate, the forgotten, the unwanted, the hurting, the lonely, the depressed, and the lost. I believe that Jesus meant for those He spoke to at the banquet (and for us today as well) to be aware of these people and to maintain a level of awareness and compassion towards these individuals because the Lord has a special place in His heart for them.

The only way to do this successfully is by keeping your spiritual radar clear, strong, and open for detection of such people in such situations and then acting upon the Spirit’s instruction in such a manner that God will continue to use you in a mighty way, regardless of whatever distractions may come.

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