

The "Realm of The Spirit"

In the "realm of the spirit", there are "many signs". One sign hangs over the entrance to Heaven. It reads, "God, I have offered all of myself to you" (BBp63). And another sign hangs over the door to Hell. It reads, "living for myself blocked me from living for you". (BBp71)

In our relations with others, when we really put "principles before (*our own*) personalities" (BBp562), we set ourselves aside. We "do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility we value others above ourselves, we do not look only to our own interests but to the interests of the others (Philippians 2:4-6).

We believe that God rules overall and will take care of us. We ask ourselves, am I kind, tolerant, accepting and loving towards all without opinion or judgment (BBp67). Are the things I think, say and do right or wrong.

It appears that most human perceptions are fueled by our desire – the ego - to play God (BBp62). In a life of recovery, we learn that we cooperate with God in taking care of and protect ourselves. On top of that, we can help and love others without opinion or prejudice. Many of us say "what an order I can't go through with it" (BBp60). However, we always have a choice.

Most of the time we can be free, or we can be right. It is an illusion of the ego that we can be both at the same time. We all have shot ourselves in the foot many times over the years trying to defend or protect ourselves and we did it full of self and Godlessness. Even when we won, we lost.

None of us makes new or unique mistakes. We are either are moving towards a surrender serving life or away from it; we are either moving towards total reliance on God or away from it; we are either moving towards love and other-centeredness or into self. There is no middle of the road solution because it is not a middle of the road problem. It is "complete abandon" (BBp59).

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