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THE IMPORTANCE OF VOWS

To promise something to the Lord when under the influence of a conviction brought by the Holy Spirit, is something that may protect a person from the instability of the natural, deceiving heart (Jer. 17:9).

To keep the Sabbath, to stay married your whole life to the same spouse, to eat healthful food, to return the tithe and to give Promise (regular, systematic, percentage-based offerings), or even to help the needy, for instance, will seldom happen naturally or spontaneously, because the natural tendency of the human heart is to seek its own interests and not God's will or the advantage of others.

That is why vows, when made under God's influence in obedience to His Word, will help to connect us with Him and will protect us from wavering during times of crisis. Those, for instance, who never vow to wake up a little earlier every morning will likely not develop the habit of communing with Him before any other activity (Matt. 6:33). Those who never vow to keep the Sabbath or to marry someone with whom they have a special relationship, may be more prone to change their minds if the conditions change.

Those who never say to the Lord, like Jacob, that by His grace and with His help they will return a tithe of everything (Gen. 28:22) and also give regular and systematic offerings, no matter what, may have a greater risk of not accomplishing God's will in this matter.

In short, the absence of a firm and final decision, a promise, about an important point of the Christian lifestyle, as revealed in God's Word, may increase the temptation of not wholeheartedly following His guidance, and may lead that person to compromise, following Jesus from afar.

APPEAL: Considering the aspects mentioned above, do you see a need of growth in your own life? Am I willing to surrender all and to serve Him, following His will instead of the promptings of my heart?

PRAYER: Dear Lord, please renew our hearts today, and give us the resolution to stand on holy ground, closer to You, where tempestuous waters cannot reach us!

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