

*Hello! This is Dorothy —*

Do you realize what the Scripture says of itself? Scripture has serious implications for every one of us. **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God. . . -the child of God - . . . may be perfect. . . - not *perfect* the way we use this word, but complete - . . . thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

The Word of God is the living Word that God has made available through Jesus Christ by His Spirit. As we receive the Word, the Word is so different from any other book. It comes alive; it speaks to our hearts, but when you find yourself in trouble and sin, you look at the Book sometimes and it is so heavy; it does not speak to you. That is when the Spirit of the Lord says, “Here I am. Come to Me. Lay this at My feet, for at the Cross I bore every sin.” Deal with this matter that you might know that fresh infilling of His Spirit that you might rebound and have the joy to come back to the Word, to be filled full of Him. Don’t take unto yourself the thing that is your big problem right now. Give it to the Lord and know that the fresh joy, the fresh filling. How important this is in these hours to understand

this is the plan of the Lord for you and me.

The Lord Jesus Christ was never less than God. As God, His will was sovereign. But when He clothed Himself with humanity, He said, **I came . . . not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.** As God, He had power to do anything at any time, but in His incarnation as man, He said, **I can of mine own self do nothing . . .** Acting as God, He could do anything, but acting as man in His incarnation, He became dependent upon His Father, and showed man how man should live. That is why He said, **As my Father has sent me . . . into the world to be dependent upon Him, . . . so send I you - to be dependent upon Me.** This is in **John 20:21.**

Do you understand that this is a principle that the Word of God, the One who is our lovely living Lord Jesus Himself, who takes His written Word and makes it alive to us? Also, by His Spirit, He confirms what He is saying and doing within our heart. Do you understand the principle shown by our Lord that He was never less than God, but what did He do? He laid aside His glory, but that does not mean He laid aside being God. No! He laid aside His glory when He came. He was not necessarily understood as, "Oh, here is God walking down the road." No! He laid aside His glory and became sinless, spotless man and dealt with every situation with dependence upon His Father. How important it is to understand this is the principle of how we are to live the Christian life. This is the principle of how you are to deal with what is

happening around you right now. You are probably totally overwhelmed with all the things that are going on. You think things could not get much worse! You have tried working for God; you have tried doing this; you have tried doing that; your family is in a mess; the marriage is not too good; everything is chaotic! And what is more, nobody seems to appreciate all that you are doing for Him! Let me explain. That has nothing to do with being a Christian. Being a Christian is being the vessel for the life of Christ to be lived through me, as I make myself available to my Lord, that He might get the glory and do the work His way that He has planned through my life. “Oh but,” you say, “that is not going to work out the way I want!” Well, does that matter? It is not a question of you and me in Christ; it is a question of what Christ has planned to do through us. Sometimes, what seems to be the hardest situation is the biggest blessing! We look back and see that situation and say, *Thank You, Lord, for shutting that door. Thank You, Lord, for opening that door. Thank You, Lord, that out of that smallest or most difficult situation, oh, You brought forth so much fruit and glory to Thyself!*

To this end, right now, we want to give the Lord the praise as we come to the end of this year, as we are preparing ourselves to see what this year was all about and that which will stand is what He was able to do through us. You say, “It has been a wasted year. I don’t know, out of all the activity, what really has happened.’ Then

let us see that there is a great learning process for us, that we might say, *Lord, I lay it at Your feet, for I know only what You have done is going to count. But I bring every one of these problems, everything that I am facing and I say, Lord Jesus, I want it to be that I am willing to say No longer I, but only You. I want to say right now, Lord Jesus, I want to be available to You, as You were available here on earth to Your Father, I want to in everything, to the timest detail, to say I cannot; You can, Lord. Thank You for what You are going to do. I give You the honor; I give You the praise; I bring You the glory. And I am a vessel for You to get glory through.*

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*