

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- May 21, 2015

“Building Monuments”

A monument is anything we build to impress people with our greatness. We can erect monuments to ourselves anywhere – in our homes, at work, or at church.

- Our houses can become monoliths to our material success.
- Our children can even become monuments to our parenting skills.
- Our status on the job or in the community can be a pillar to our leadership power.
- The growth of a church can be a monument to our religious zeal.

As we approach this Memorial Weekend, we honor the servicemen and women who have given their lives for our country, for liberty and job.

Building monuments for their sacrifice and accomplishments is good and honorable. No egos are involved. Only sacrifice. Death. Love of country.

Meanwhile, it is a time for us to look at ourselves introspectively. In comparison to the heroes and heroines who died, perhaps we need to consider changing our perspective on our own accomplishments.

It is God who “gives to all life and breath and all things” (Act 17:25). All of our successes spring from His Well of Grace.

Isaiah the prophet reminds us of God’s words about Himself:

*I am the Lord that is My Name.
I will not give my glory to another,
Nor my praise to graven images (Isaiah 40:6).*

Here are a few thoughts for giving God the glory concerning any of our accomplishments.

First, **Remember God’s Name.** Sign His Name to your accomplishments as the One who gets the ultimate credit.

Second, **Reflect His Character.** Think of some ways your skills – leadership, parenting, etc. – mirror God’s qualities such as love, patience or compassion.

Finally, **Rejoice In His Praises.** Express your thanks to Him for the victories He wins for you.

Give thanks with a Grateful Heart! Have a blessed weekend with your family and friends. See you in church Sunday. I will be speaking on “***Breaking Free From Treadmill Territory.***”

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