

GOD IS A TERRIBLE RECRUITER

Imagine saying God is capable of being anything but perfect. He sets standards and expectations that challenge us to strive for perfection.

In the history of the world, this perfection has been achieved once. He was placed on a cross to die for every one of us who are far from perfect.

He gave us his son to die for us, to be the example to follow and to believe His plan for us. It is the only roadmap we need on our journey.

“A man’s own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the Lord.” – Proverbs 19:3

It has been given to us, so why do we try to hold the gifts with a fist instead of an open hand?

Novice, neophyte, beginner, amateur, plebe, or recruit, whichever title you want to possess, we are all in this together.

A master of any skill or talent is not born that way but developed over many years by performing the two-step forward, one-step back dance.

Coaches are judged by championships won, and their won-loss record. Footnotes of the process carry no weight.

Success is never owned. It is rented, and the rent is due every day.

Some pay through sweat equity and laboring for hours over decades. Some pay by giving time. Some pay by giving money. All pay something. Some pay with their life.

If you give your life defending God, you open the Gates of Heaven.

So why does God give us life when he knows it takes an entire lifetime, and there are no guarantees that we will ever understand His desires and plan for us?

God develops the undeveloped and uneducated, which gives hope to all of us.

“He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.” Psalm 62:6

A fortress is defined as a fortified defensive structure, a stronghold, or a place of defense or security.

Most consider a physical location that crests the peak of the landscape.

God knows the capacity of the heart, which is stronger and more durable than a castle built of stone.

The heart begins beating in the womb and is the machine that must continue to sustain life.

That is the sweet spot on which God focuses.

If he develops your heart, we grow into the person he designs us to be.

When we are in love, we want to share our happiness and joy. We scream praise and express gratitude.

It is not just an emotion, but it becomes the source that sustains our lives.

“If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” _ 1 Peter 4:11

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God does not tell us to stay quiet until we are perfect.

Nor does he tell us only to fight the battles when we are fully equipped.

God does not recruit us to follow him based on our current or past situation. He sees the potential in each of us.

We wanted us at conception, and He stayed faithful until our death. What seems like a mistake from our perspective that God would waste his time on any of us, God awaits our trip home to give us the ultimate praise and accolade, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:23

God knows what he is doing, and that is never proven wrong.

Our improvement under His guidance proves Him right.

As it should be.

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