

The Balancing Act Part IV; July 9, 2017

“Who’s In Control Here?”

**God doesn’t give us CONTROL over life,
but He does give us RESPONSIBILITY in life!**

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given US this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave US this wonderful message of reconciliation. So WE are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through US. WE speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

– 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (NLT)

Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

– Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

Two mistakes we make:

One: To take responsibility for NOTHING.

Two: To take responsibility for EVERYTHING!

My Responsibility:

To serve

To pray

To work hard

To forgive

To share

God’s Responsibility:

To bless

To answer

To bring success

To dispense justice

To save

**God mostly works through PEOPLE not MAGIC;
so stop letting yourself off the hook!**

Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing.

What good does that do?

– James 2:15-16 (NLT)

**Remember that whatever God gives you to do,
He is WITH YOU in doing it!**

“But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!” The LORD said to him, “I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man.”

– Judges 6:15-16 (NLT)

Even the PROMPTING of what you do is from God!

**When you’ve faithfully done your part,
trust God to faithfully do His.**

The LORD replied, “Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn’t believe even if someone told you about it.

– Habakkuk 1:5 (NLT)

All you SEE is not all that there IS.