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Transforming Daily
“... Who am I, O Lord God? ...”
1 Chronicles 17:16

King David responded to God with these words, “Who am I, O Lord God,” when God established His covenant with him. David’s response was humble and contrite. He realized that the kingdom of God was bigger than him and wasn’t about him, but about God and His people, but mostly about God. David’s response was wise and reflected his proper understanding and knowledge of God. It is said of King Saul that “he did not inquire of the Lord” just before God chose David, a shepherd, to lead the children of Israel. Now David wasn’t perfect, but it is said of him that he was a man after God’s own heart. When you compare Saul and David, you see no remorse on the part of Saul for any of his indiscretions, but with David, he might not have been as quick as he should have been to repent of his indiscretions, but he was certain to do so.

There seems to be a trend in our churches, and in particular within the spiritual leadership thereof, that moves to communicate a spiritual arrogance (an oxymoron to be sure). Claims are made boldly of things that were never directed by God to be claimed. Boasting of works that are done in Christ’s name and for God’s glory lacking the certainty that the Lord is anywhere near them let alone the source of them. Fashions and fads distract many believers from genuine faith, as well as, ministry, service, evangelism, missions and genuine prayer.

The emphasis on and in Christendom appears to be on and in Christendom rather than on and in the Christ of Christendom. For the last two decades, the church has been on a crusade trying to determine what its purpose is. Scripture is clear about what a Christian’s purpose is, what the church’s purpose is, and what (even who the church leadership is to be) the church leadership’s purpose is. There is no mystery about the purpose of God for His glory.

An inherent danger exists in the church that doesn’t inquire of the Lord. Inquiring of the Lord doesn’t mean incessant claims and bold commands upon His Word. Rather, the church should be fervently perusing God as a people after God’s own heart, realizing that His kingdom is bigger than any person or group of people in the church, and that it is all about God. What is your knowledge of God? What is your understanding of His ways? Does your lifestyle reflect the proper priority of God in your private, personal, public and professional decisions? Every day before God the believer should give self-introspection starting with the question, “Who am I, O Lord God?”