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"If Everything Seems Normal"

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[Isaiah 5:18-24](#) (NIV) [Isaiah 5:18-24](#) (KJV) [Isaiah 5:18-24](#) (AMP)

If everything seems normal it may not be God! What we perceive as "normal" may well be ungodly in much of our ambient culture. TV on with the normal programming and news or the very food in our meals even may not be godly.

Now, before you think I am condemning everything let me assure you I am not. I do want to encourage you to evaluate your surroundings, the environment of your life, to determine if what seems normal to you might need to be seen as not within the realm of what God has intended to be your normal environment.

The other day I was talking with a person and said to him that we live at a time when congregations have been acculturated in a Christianized society. What do I mean by this? I mean it is difficult to be godly if your view of life and the world is compromised by the world view and not a biblical view.

What the world calls good may not in fact be good in the Lord's view. Even in the Old Testament Isaiah recorded this caution:

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter. (Isaiah 5:20 NIV)

If in the world's culture all I have ever heard is that partly good is good, partly dark is acceptable and bitter is just the way life is with no sweetness that is what I would believe and, therefore, what I would expect. God has seen to it that the Bible is available to me so I will know what is good, what is light, and what is sweet. I am, therefore, able to know what scripture says is for me and that His goodness, light, and sweet blessing is to be normal for those who have chosen Christ!

God's will is His *normal* and His normal is for all Believers. All other "normal" is abnormal and not of God. If everything seems normal I need to be certain it is God's normal!

Remember...

We need to always focus on Christ!

The blessings of our Lord on you and all that is yours by blood, adoption or assignment!

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