

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Acts 8.

Ecclesiastes 7:8-9 "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning,
and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

Be not quick in your spirit to become angry,
for anger lodges in the heart of fools."

After asking the question, "How do you see God at work in your life?" I received a few different answers. But one thread seemed to run through many of them, and that is, several see God at work in the personal relationship with those around them. How to be a better spouse, parent, grandparent, co-worker, and friend. How to love the inlaws for who they are and not treat them as outlaws (just kidding).

Many times, when entering a relationship of any kind, there is that learning curve. For the most part, the end is better than the beginning because two people have learned a lot about themselves as well as the other person as time goes on.

Relationships are hard and take a lot of work, but for the most part, they help us become better people. God often uses others to help us grow more dependant on Him as we relate to the people He brings into our concentric circles.

Giving our time and energy to others can be work, to say the least, but the people we know are often our greatest blessings, as we invest in them, and they in us.

While it is easy to allow anger to short-circuit some relationships, learning to love others is what Jesus expects of us, no matter the investment of time, energy, or money.

As one person put it, "I do know that the Lord does not want me to shirk my responsibilities as a Husband, Father, Grandfather and Brother to my family. The Lord gives me an appreciation of my family and our love for each other. The Lord also gives me an appreciation of the church and members, the fellowship, and the study of his word. I think that may be another privilege we sometimes take for granted."