

Today's Lesson
A Matter of Doing It All
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Someone once said, "Ego makes you think it's doing God's bidding when in fact you are breaking God's laws."

"Think not that I came to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matt 5:17

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Ego = $\frac{1}{\text{Knowledge}}$

"More the Knowledge
 Lesser the Ego,
 Lesser the Knowledge
 More the Ego..."
 -Albert Einstein.

Ego is a master at telling us that we are capable of *doing it all!* Maybe you know someone that tries to do just that.

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Dear Sir,

I'm writing in response to your request concerning block 11 on the insurance form. It asks for the cause of injuries, wherein I put "trying to do the job alone."

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You said you needed more information, so I trust the following will suffice:

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the date of injuries, I was working alone, laying bricks on top of a four-story building. At the end of the job I had about 600 pounds of bricks left over, so I thought I would lower the bricks on a pulley rather than making several trips to carry them down.

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I went down below, secured the rope at ground level, went back up and loaded all the bricks into a barrel, and then I swung the barrel off the side of the building.

Then I went back down, untied the rope (holding it tightly with my right hand so I would assure a slow descent). You can imagine my shock at being jerked off the ground so rapidly that I lost my presence of mind.

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"I gave my first Treasurer's Report at our condo board meeting tonight but I only pretended to know what I was talking about. Fortunately, the board was only pretending to listen."

EGO doing it all...

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Following the method Fillmore use I went into prayer and asked, "Okay God, what's going on here?" To which the following response went something like this:

God: "You said you wanted help, so I gave it to you."

Me: "Yes, I did ask for your help. I needed help to present my report so that people will not have any fearful feelings."

God: "What did the dream do for you?"

Me: "They left me frustrated?"

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God: "Why is that?"

Me: "Because I couldn't help anyone."

God: "Are you sure that's what you were trying to do?"

Me: "What do you mean?"

God: "Are you sure you weren't trying to do all those things for people, when in fact they needed to be doing it for themselves because you didn't like the way it made you feel?"

Me: "Maybe."

God: "No maybe, it's yes or no."

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Me: "Yes, I don't like the feeling of being blamed for their feelings of fear."

God: "Can you change them?"

Me: "No, I can't."

God: "Is your intent to scare them or to report facts?"

Me: "To report the facts?"

God: "Then do just that, report the facts. Helping them deal with fear is my department and their lesson in this life. It is their job to heal it, not yours."

Me: "Thank you, I'll do just that."

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So the next time you try doing it all by going it alone, remember that trusting in God in every detail of your life and affairs brings His love for you where He wants it to be – into the smallest routines of your days, into your office and home, into your labor and leisure, into every minute, hour, activity, and pursuit so you don't feel compelled to doing it all.