

## It's not WHAT You Do ..It's WHO You Know

As a child I remember the statement said many times, in many different places and many different ways "it's not what you do, but who you know." I was attending an elementary school and many of us in the upper elementary school were in the glee club. This was a special choir that practiced after school and performed at parents and teachers meetings. It was an honor to be a part of this choir and be considered an "elite" vocalist. Several times when the school had programs the glee club would sing and open with different songs that would impress the audience. This group was the basis of who got to sing the solos in the all the school programs. If you ever wanted to sing a solo, you needed to be in this choir. The principal himself directed this choir, he was a musician, played piano, and taught voice lessons in his spare time. The principal chose students to sing solos when they were in the choir because he had heard them sing and trusted them.

I realized that the statement "it's not what you do, but who you know" was really saying that we choose people to do things that we can trust to do them. When we feel comfortable someone is going to do a complete job, follow through, persevere, and get the job done then we want them doing the task whatever it may be.

One of the reasons people move to the "top" is that they can be trusted to get the job done in time and with precision. As a parent one of the greatest skills we can teach our children is perseverance. As a child of God we can stay committed to Christ and serving in His kingdom no matter what we feel. When we persevere past our emotions and struggles, we are allowing God's power to strengthen us to get the job done. In some of our weakest moments, pushing past our feelings, and serving with God's strength becomes our greatest glory.

When I was in Uganda this summer and spoke at the Women's conference, Eve Senyonga and her ladies had chosen the theme, "Live, Love, and Never Give Up." As I preached and prayed with so many women who had struggles far beyond American women, I was reminded that around the world everyday believers, children of God are persevering and never giving up. I want it to be said of me in my life, that Joy was a woman who lived life abundantly in Christ, loved others, and never gave up!

We must each one purpose in our hearts that serving Jesus the Light of the World is our goal and we will do this and never give up. I love Paul's statement and quote it many times "With God all things are possible." Do I want to give up? Do I get discouraged? Do I feel like I am making a difference? Do I want to be doing this? All of these questions come out of our emotions and struggles, but our heart must have the purpose, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Follow me, as I follow Christ. Christ did not give up, even in the end...