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Collaboration of God and Human

"God uses people" is not wrong. On the other hand, it is also true that "human efforts alone should not be enough, but there should be God's full intervention."

The achievement of every ministry in church history is a collaboration between God and man. Man cannot accomplish anything without God. On the other hand, there is a saying that God helps only when humans do it. That's the proposition of the second half of Psalm 1 and 3 (1:3c): "Everything he does will be prosperous." Whatever they do prosperous.(NIV) Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.(KJV) In all that he does, he prospers.(RSV)

One reliable annotator interprets the meaning of this text as "God is only prosperous us when we do something."

Is this true in the practice of ministry? That's right! But some people think, "Everything is done by God, and for us, we just have to wait and pray." Not all of them, but there are some cases where they think like this, and they postpone everything only to God. ("I'm putting it off") Maybe it's a very good belief. It's worth bragging about.

The problem is when things don't go well, but they give up too easily and quickly, saying, "I don't think it's God's will." And try another ministry and end it with the same process and conclusion.

I'm going to talk about two things here. The idea that everything is done by God, that humans are useless. Another is that when difficulties arise, it is too easy to conclude that it is not God's will.

The first may be an excuse. I'm saying this out of concern that a lot of people might get caught in this trap.

In the second case, it is a pity that they may not grow up by giving up too easily and stay at a childlike level.

The first kind is beyond me if you have that kind of faith. In the second case, You can't grow without suffering. It grows in the process of overcoming and solving difficulties, not just talking about difficulties themselves. Difficulties are often said to strengthen faith. But that's not what I'm saying here.

It refers to giving up too easily because it is difficult when given a ministry. We've heard a lot that if there's a problem, there's always an answer. And that's the truth.

You can achieve a sense of accomplishment and growth only when you complete the given ministry and the ministry you are in charge of. It seems often overlooked that many people desperately want self-development and self-growth, but have to overcome these steps necessary to do so.