

What's Best For Others

Partly out of love, and partly out of selfish interest, I seemingly always want to somehow control the destiny of those I love. I want what is best for them, and often think I see them going in a direction that must surely be wrong. A direction, I feel, will certainly bring them heartache. Heartache that I hope they can avoid, so I sometimes try in my very feeble way to manipulate their lives; to control their destiny.

I was praying about this today in my devotions. Wondering what I can do to ensure that people I love do not make wrong decisions. Wondering if I am doing all I can to give them good advice, or a good example by my life, or adequate teaching of God's Word, in order that they might more clearly see what God's will is for their lives. And so that they might better understand and desire to do the will of God.

But God today reminded me that it is He who must reveal His truth to them. Jorge M. S. Barros in today's "Come Ye Apart" devotion said, "It is the prerogative of the Creator, naming His own creation and mastering the destiny of all He brought to existence."

It is not my worry. Sure I should pray about it, and believe me I will. But it is God who wishes to master their destiny. It is He who will convict their hearts if they are wrong. It is He who will provide the blessings when they seek and do His will. I must pray for that to happen in the life of each one I love; and then leave it in God's almighty, all knowing, and all powerful hands.

Of course, you probably already knew this truth.