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Montessori – More than we bargained for!

While the privilege of working in Christian Montessori brings reward more than we imagined, it also brings challenges more than we bargained for. When you embark on the ministry of Montessori (everything is a ministry if you are doing it for God) you enter into a spiritual realm and a spiritual arena. In this arena are competing philosophies, dimensions and realities. When you seek to do God's work there are antagonistic forces lined up against you. Without being melodramatic (but real) there is an enemy of our souls and of the precious lives that we are seeking to nurture. When things go wrong (and they do); when days go bad (and they do); when things are harder than they need to be – there is opposition to the eternal work that flows out of a Christian Montessori environment.

Are you that important? Is your work that important that you merit opposition and resistance to the spiritual labor that you are performing? To the degree of opposition is the degree of importance. God looks at these precious children (some days only He can see their preciousness) knowing their eternal value and He trusts us to help them along the way. The world really puts little value on children – they don't vote, bring home paychecks, cure cancer or build monuments, yet, there is something so precious about them and their faith that God bends His ear to hear their prayers, to instruct their angels to guard them and to put us in their life for the brief time He allows us to help guide, protect, instruct, train and nurture them.

If there are extreme challenges and difficulties in the ministry it is because we are fighting a great battle in the heavenlies for the lives and souls of these children. It may be more than we bargained for but it is an eternal bargain for which God has every confidence in us. The greater the battle – the greater the victory. The greater the opposition – the greater the importance. It may be more than we bargained for but a small price to pay "to bring many to glory." Heb. 2:10