

MEETING THINGS RIGHT



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We all need to come to the place, where no matter what is said or done to us by anyone, we will not hold hard feelings nor resent anyone for anything they may have said or done to us.

Satan loves to get in and cause someone to treat another just opposite to the way they should have been treated. But how valuable that is spiritually, to be set at naught, to be belittled, and to take it all in loving silence realizing that it is all a valuable lesson from God. Trying to get the last speck of resentment out of our heart. Trying to perfect us spiritually that we may be prepared for Eternal Life.

If someone would say or do something directly opposite to what we would like for them to do, we cannot afford to get upset or resent it in the slightest way. Rather, we are to follow God's teaching in Hebrews 12:14, *"To follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."*

We are always faced with decisions to be made. We must decide to follow God's straight and narrow pathway of life, where all on that pathway have a forgiving heart and have resisted all resentment and hard feeling, and it leads to Eternal Life with God in Heaven. The other decision would be the wide road where Satan makes it so easy to hold resentment, have hard feelings, and eventually, if not repented of, will lead to death and destruction in that burning lake of fire and sulphur.

We all have a great work to be done in our lives, so why would we want to hold resentment? If someone has said or done something wrong to us, we should be praying for them just the same as they should be praying for us. We are to leave all things in God's hands. It is just as wrong to try to set someone straight as it would be to hold resentment and hard feelings to another.

As we mentioned, each one of us will be faced with which pathway to follow. One is God's way and plan, and the other is Satan's way and plan. We must choose between these two pathways every day as things are continually happening in our spiritual life, our physical life, in the home, the workplace, and in every part of our daily life. That is why we need God's Holy Spirit dwelling within guiding us in every choice we make.

We must realize that it is not the people who are doing the mean things to us, neither do circumstances just happen. What we need to realize is that it is Satan himself back of it all, working through someone, trying to snatch anyone that he can and destroy them for time and eternity.

That is why the Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 6:12-13, *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* We wrestle against the spiritual forces that control this evil world. We are wrestling against the devil himself. Therefore, we must (Verse 13), *"take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."* This means that we are to hold steadfast and to remain victorious to the end. We are to never go down in defeat. We cannot meet any battle in our own strength, but we need God's grace and strength to be victorious.

After we have made a total surrender of our life to God, and there is even a tiny speck of rebellion left in our hearts, our merciful God will let something happen to expose it and bring it out.

We can't thank God enough for bringing such things out because if we were to leave this world with that rebellion in our heart, we would be lost forever. Instead of being upset and hurt towards those who say and do mean things to us, we should love them the same and thank and praise God for revealing that attitude in our heart that would have destroyed us forever. Jeremiah 17:9 tells us what the human heart is like in its natural condition. (Verse 9) *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"*

It is very important that we hold steadfast under all circumstances and to meet things right, no matter what comes across our pathway because our Eternal Life depends on our meeting things and people right.

God's plan of life always leads to happiness and greater blessings of every kind. In the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, it tells us that *"no chastening,"* (or no difficulty, or unpleasant circumstance), *"for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."* Which means that we are to accept the training of that trial by meeting it right, and it will bring great spiritual results.

As we *"press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."* As Philippians 3:14 tells us, we will be faced with spiritual tests, physical tests, financial tests, tests in the home, the workplace, and in all things. We will be tested to the limit, and that is until we get rid of every plan of our own and completely rid of self and Satan, those two deadly enemies that send people to the Lake of Fire forever.

Of course, we cannot do this in our own strength nor does God expect us to. He is there, in the presence of the Holy Spirit to supply all the grace, strength, and guidance needed to live an overcoming Christian life.

God has given us several examples in His Word that show us the importance of meeting things and people right. One example of that is King Saul.

Time after time God gave him a chance to meet things right, but when the pressure was great, and he thought God was slow in answering prayer, he would make a deliverance of his own, a way of escape for himself; he would not meet his trial right.

Saul had some very serious things to meet in his life, but he always seemed to fail when the test came. He finally lost his life here by suicide on Mount Gilboa and his eternal life hereafter.

King David was an example of one who had trouble but was willing to meet it right. David was tormented by Saul, and his life was in jeopardy until he made a final decision to meet things in God's way and proved that God was true to His Word.

As David began to meet things right, he was soon restored to his original place and enjoyed God's fullness of blessing and never had any trouble along that line afterward.

Joseph is another example of how things work out when they are met right. Joseph had plenty of trouble; he had ten brothers who could not speak a peaceable word to him, was sold into slavery, and sent to prison on a lie.

Joseph met all these things right, never tried to defend himself, never spoke evil about his brothers, complained about the way they talked about him, or treated him in the home. The one thing that he could not meet right was his prison sentence. It was necessary for him to go through all these trials until he came to the thing that he could not meet right.

As the result of him learning to meet this in God's way and getting rid of that last speck of human effort, he was fully delivered and placed on the throne in Egypt.

If we find ourselves going through a series of trials, we can be assured that there is something there that we need to make right. We must have another plan hidden away down in our heart.

All our trials, everything said or done to us by those who should be treating us just the opposite,

are for one purpose only---to reach the thing that we have been unwilling to meet right.

It is very important for each one of us to get rid of our own way, to die completely to self, to our own plans and ways and get rid of them fully. It will be for our best interest and happiness here as well as for eternity. If there are any of our own plans left in our heart, we will spend eternity with Satan.

We need to become Christlike in all our ways. Philippians 2:5, "*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*" We are to take that same humble attitude that Jesus had.

It is only with God's grace, strength, and wisdom that any of us can meet this important lesson of meeting things right as the Bible teaches.

When we find others lying about us, cheating us, or wronging us in whatever way they can. We are to meet it just opposite to the natural way. Romans 12:19, "*Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*"

There is just one object in any of this touching us in any way. These are permitted as stepping-stones and will be if met right, but if not, they will be stumbling blocks and rocks of offense that we will find ourselves continually tripping over until we learn to meet these things right.

This also means that we are not to resent anything said or done to us; never return evil for evil. Never try to right our wrongs by any efforts of our own; neither are we permitted to worry about them--WORRY, one of Satan's tools to get in and bring doubt and fear with him. The moment we consider Satan's doubts and fears, our faith is gone, and we open the door for him.

We are to follow what we are told in Philippians 4:6, "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*"

We cannot afford to resent or hold hard feelings against anyone, anything, or at any time. It

seems that Satan likes to fight his hardest in the home. No matter how wrongly we may have been treated, God has a scriptural response that we should follow. Meeting things right in the home, sets the best example for our children to see, hear, and follow when they are wronged in some way.

When we have things to meet, it gives us the opportunity of a lifetime to use our privilege of taking advantage of God's grace and strength, which the Lord Jesus came to give to us.

We are commanded to walk in Jesus' footsteps and follow His ways in every part of our life. 1 Peter 2:21-23, "*For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:*"

Jesus left us this example that we should follow in His footsteps. (Verse 19) "*For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.*"

Meeting wrongs right, by the power of God's Spirit, is the true walk of faith in this life. Our eternal inheritance is connected to believing what Jesus said John 6:29 "*This is above all the thing that God requires—that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*" Believing Jesus and meeting things right—is forever linked to His eternal kingdom.



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