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When the old man was buried in the waters of baptism, so was all that had happened to you. All the negative words that limited you, all the deeds that have scarred you, and hurts that have diminished your capabilities and dreams, were cut off with the “old man” and no longer have any authority over you. So why then do we allow them to affect us?

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OTHER PROFANE WORDS:

“I’m only human.” You are confessing that you are still holding onto and are more comfortable with your old nature than the new nature of Christ. *[II Cor 5:17]*

“One of these days.” “Good intentions are not good enough.” Are you serving the “God of Gonna?”

“What if, which is motivated by fear.” *[Matt 6:33, 34]*

“Nobody understands me.” This profanity is motivated by a mindset of self-pity. *[I Cor 10:13]*

“We’ve always done it this way before.” When we follow the traditions of men, we make void the word of God, and we will always find ourselves in opposition to the new thing the Lord is bringing forth. [Isa 43:19]

Eph 4:30 (Amp) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God <do not offend or vex or sadden Him>, by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God’s own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin).

Mark 3:5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

Act 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

I Thes 5:19 Quench *[to extinguish, stifle]* not the Spirit.

I Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

v. 31 Let all bitterness *[a bitter root, and so producing a bitter fruit]*, and wrath *[fierceness]*, and anger *[vengeance, indignation]*, and clamor, and evil speaking *[blasphemia- railing, blasphemy, slander, speech injurious to another’s good name]*, be put away from you, with all malice *[maliciousness, a desire to injure]*:

“Bitterness” has been described as “unfulfilled revenge.”

Rom 12:19 (NLT) Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the LORD.

v. 32 (Amp) And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another <readily and freely>, as God in Christ forgave you.

Matt 6:14 (Amp) For if you forgive people their trespasses <their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment>, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their trespasses <their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment>, neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses.

Phil 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting *[neglecting, no longer caring for]* those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Read from *Life’s Ultimate Privilege* by DeVern Fronke the incident from Corrie Ten Boom’s life.

How many know the Lord has a purpose for you? Whatever position at work or situation you are in right now, it is part of the Lord’s molding process to bring you to “His expected end” for you, and therefore, the fulfilling of your purpose. So, whatever you say or do, do it all unto the glory of God and for His kingdom sake. You are not a “victim” of your circumstances, but a victor over them.

In Ephesians 3 Paul said he was “the prisoner of Jesus Christ.”

Wm. Barclay reminds us that, “Paul never thought of himself as the prisoner of Rome; he always thought of himself as the prisoner of Christ…One’s point of view makes all the difference in the world.”

Oswald Chambers writes, “The true expression of Christian character is not in good-doing, but in God-likeness. If the Spirit of God has transformed you within, you will exhibit divine characteristics in your life, not just good human-characteristics. God’s life in us expresses itself as God’s life, not as human life trying to be godly. The secret of a Christian’s life is that the supernatural becomes natural in him as result of the grace of God, and experience of this becomes evident in the practical, everyday details of life, not in times of intimate fellowship with God.”

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