

Free to Choose

“He must become greater, I must become less” (John 3:30).

This powerful and prophetic word should echo in your heart every day. Every day you meet challenges that can potentially divert you and even try to temporarily defeat God's character from shining through you. But if you immediately turn to God and ask for His help, these obstacles will not hold power over you or defeat His plan for shining through you.

You are given this time in history, no matter how you see it! Your past doesn't disqualify you from God's service. To Him, where you came from doesn't have to dictate where you go or how you're used by Him.

How you respond to life is up to you and you alone. Today is the day to let the mistakes, the pain, the unfairness, the disappointments, etc. etc. etc. GO! Its over! You can't change it. You can't undo it. It is your spiritual responsibility is to rise above the natural regardless of how things look!

You need to ask, "If I do this, will I make things better or worse? Will His light shine through me?"

Whatever has happened doesn't have to dictate your life today or even tomorrow. If you want to be known as a person who not only loves God but knows God, you have to make those hard choices and it begins with dying even more to the flesh.

Remember, you will be known for what you do, not what you say. You can talk the talk but, if you don't back it up with actions, words mean nothing.

“In the same way, your light must shine before people, so that they will see the Good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

People may forget what you say but, they'll always remember how you made them feel. In other words, I will show you my faith by what I do! Only you can make the choices to crucify the flesh. Others being impacted by His goodness can only be done if your flesh isn't operating. Determine which things please the Lord and then do them!

A person of Character demonstrates uncompromising integrity throughout the situations of life. Your flesh cannot dictate how you respond or how you live. This can only happen if you rely on God's faithfulness to bring you to a place of victory regarding your situation.

Your victory comes only when the flesh doesn't rule you. I promise you, if you will learn how to overcome those fleshly challenges you will shine bright with His light.

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” (Matthew 16:24).

No matter what you're dealing with right now, no matter what you're faced with, God gets it. He knows all of it, and He knows how to get you through it without

you responding in the natural (flesh). No matter what happens around you, God is there to help you respond correctly and you will be able to say, “It is well with my soul.”

Your faith must be centered on Jesus Christ alone. Apart from Him, you can do nothing. When people look at your life, what do you want them to see, less of you and more of Christ? Only you can determine that.

“Don’t shine so others seen you. Shine so that through you others can see see Him” CS Lewis.

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