

Attitude!

Nothing can separate you from God's love. The pressures of life do not need to hinder you. In the midst of any circumstance which may overtake you, you can still bear fruit. What determines such an outcome is our attitude! Please look at Philippians 1:12:

"But I want you to know that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel."

Every circumstance in life, even the mistakes we make, God can use to further the Gospel. Paul wrote these words while he was in prison. Many close friends thought that Paul had made a mistake and could have avoided imprisonment. But Paul boldly declares in verse 13: *"my chains are in Christ."* He never faltered even under extreme opposition and hardship. He boasts when he says in verse 20, *"In nothing shall I be ashamed!"* Would God ever place you in extreme conditions? Absolutely! That is where we grow!

The devil throws everything that he can in your way to get you to be quiet. If you can just be made ashamed of your actions, if you can be belittled, if you can be ridiculed enough, perhaps you will be shamed into capitulation! Nothing that Paul encountered ever shamed him! He was ruthless in the devil's face! How about you? In every circumstance God can use it to bring glory to Jesus. Every hardship in life can be used to further the Gospel. You need not be ashamed for anything! Let your attitude be controlled by faith and not by your senses.

Reasoning always clashes with believing. It is the conflict of two kingdoms: the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God. Fear, uncertainty, ridicule, shame, all the works of the flesh try to prevent us from hearing and seeing clearly. Human reasoning wants to be in charge of your life. And reasoning will always hold you back. Why not allow the faith of God to lead your life instead? Do not settle for anything less! Saturate your life in the Holy Spirit and watch miracles unfold! Beyond reasoning, walk with an attitude of faith and thanksgiving! Your attitude changes everything!

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