

Wonderful Words!

Have you ever cried out to the Lord, "What is my calling?" Well, your calling is to inherit a blessing! 1 Peter 3:9 declares,

"... not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing."

Our Lord has great blessing to give us. He is always looking to bless you! At the same time, Satan constantly looks for ways to steal, kill, and destroy every relationship in your marriage, your family, your life. We inherit God's blessing, His favor when we choose to bless someone else when you have every right to retaliate instead.

Satan begins his deception in the way we perceive something. If we feel mistreated or berated or abused, because of something someone said, this gives us the right to respond back in like manner. This is the vicious cycle of negative sowing that the devil uses to destroy families, marriages, and churches. But many times our perception is wrong! And we read between the lines things that were never said. We can even interpret something good into a negative thing, based upon our own *perception!*

God has a better idea! Insult, injury, hurt or damage is never pleasant. And, no one knows how to "push your buttons" better than your spouse or family member or, perhaps your best friend at church. But God says, "Don't retaliate. Don't pay back. Don't try to get even!" But instead bless. God's way is blessing. This word for blessing is EULOGETES. A compound word made up of EU, which means "something wonderful, pleasurable, or very good", and the word LOGOS, which is the word for "words"! Wonderful words!

We realize that there is no such thing as a perfect relationship. There will be times that you will be disappointed. But in those moments when you feel violated or riled up, instead of venting out of your flesh, allow the Holy Spirit to take over. Don't retaliate but return perceived inconsiderate acts with intentional words of love! Instead of taking offense, speak words that build up. Your words can be the very force to turn the gravest situation around. God gives blessing through the power of life in your words! In this very special thanksgiving service, will you inherit His blessing? It is your calling!

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