

Our Earthly Limitations

A limitation refers not to our personal sins or weaknesses from the old sinful nature but to circumstances beyond our control. There are circumstances that disciplined and slowed down the growing believers' decision and action prompting them to think according to Bible doctrine in the souls.

Bad manners and temperament that leads to habitual sins are subject to correction by consistent study of Bible doctrine. Earthly limitations are events or situation that has happened unexpectedly but are not the results of our previous decisions.

What we are now is the result of our series of decisions in the past. We make our own history through good or bad decisions. Our future and destiny is not the product of accident. All accidents are preventable by good decisions and by carefully following the divine operating procedures. The earthly limitations are designed by God to test the ability of the immature but growing believers to make good decisions and use the available resources for the glory of God.

The issue is our self-sufficiency. God is in the process of bringing His growing children in critical situations where He alone may provide the way out and resources. God is removing every bit of human dependency and misdirected confidence towards men. These limitations are different from undeserved sufferings in many aspects. Undeserved suffering for blessings is exclusive for the spiritual mature believers while limitations are for the growing believers.

Limitations are friends of the believers and are never regarded as undeserved suffering is designed to accelerate the believer's spiritual maturity while limitations are designed to test the believer's endurance, genuine humility, dependency on God, spiritual contentment, and willingness to carry out the divine purpose for his life regardless of the surrounding situation and circumstances.

Human limitations are given as a divine chance and opportunity to manifests His power. Limitations are divinely designed events or situations where God demonstrates His infinite power to do what is totally impossible for men.

God is simply showing His children that they cannot please Him by their own power and resources for they will always fail. Limitations are occasion to remind the believers that the Christian life is a life of privileges in the grace of God, and that everything is by the grace of God.

These limitations are not the result of personal sins, bad decisions or disobedience but rather are designed to release any self-sufficiency that crowds God out of the life of grace. The power and grace of God can overcome any incredible human limitations that may come his way. This is God's training and testing process that will earn the believers points for blessing in time and eternity.

Limitations are not physical inferiority, physical infirmity, mental incapacity, poverty, or social status in which Christians are commanded to overcome by consistent intake of Bible doctrine. In biblical point of view, these are not just limitations but stepping stones to greater achievement in life. Human limitations refer to any given situation where the growing believers are left with no choice but to turn to towards God.

Limitations are designed to orient and to teach the Church Age believers to realize the presence and ability of the divine power to do the impossible. The first step for careful understanding of divine power is to distinguish between the false power (weakness) and God's genuine power. In the Scripture, there are various types of weaknesses that we have to understand.

There is the weakness of the law, which refers to inability of the Mosaic code to justify a devoted adherent (Heb. 7:18). The Mosaic Law is far better than all man-made laws and yet it failed to accomplish what Christ had done on the cross. There is weakness natural to every person that can be overcome by the power and grace of God (Heb. 11:34).

There is weakness caused by severe fear (Lev. 26:36) executed by God to disobedient and carnal believers. The soul which has been dominated by the power of the old sinful nature is also called weakness of the flesh (Rom. 6:19, 1 Cor. 15:43). The weakness of the flesh refers to the believer's inability to utilize the power of the Holy Spirit and the Bible Doctrine falls under this category.

Spiritually immature Church Age believers have no Bible doctrine in their souls to overcome the basic trials, testing and temptation afflicted by the cosmic system upon them. Their lack of capacity to overcome such things is called the weaknesses of those without strength (Rom. 15:1).

The Bible called the sufferings of undeserved sufferings as weaknesses (1 Cor. 2:3, 2 Cor. 11:30, 12:5, 9-10). The unexplained, misunderstood and severe sufferings of the spiritually mature believers are also designated by the apostle Paul as weaknesses.

These types of sufferings are not caused by personal sins or bad decisions but are testing designed to promote and accelerate the momentum of the advancing believers. We call these earthly limitations because they are related or caused by things or events in the world, but used by God to train the believers.

God uses men (old sinful nature) to create or devise these limitations, where the believers are left with nowhere to go but to trust God. Some examples of these limitations are:

- Delayed provisions
- Unhealed sickness
- Unresolved problems
- Unexpected situations
- Unanswered prayers
- Barred schedules
- Immaterialized expectations
- Prolonged sufferings
- Hindered blessings

Limitation is designed to make the believers conscious that deliverance can come only from God. Limitations are pressures that God allow to develop the spiritual muscles of the growing saints. The divine discipline is designed to alert and alarm the believer under the state of carnality.

The undeserved suffering for blessings is designed to promote and accelerate the momentum of the mature believers. Limitation is the training camp designed for the believers moving out from immaturity going to maturity.

The carnal and immature believers have their divine discipline, the mature believers have their undeserved sufferings, and so the believers in the transition phase between immaturity and maturity have their limitations as gates to greater blessings.

God allows limitation as intervention to suppress the excitement of the growing believers. Limitations are rough roads that slow down the believers while building spiritual muscles necessary for spiritual maturity.

The believers on the way to maturity are struggling to maintain focus on Christ; limitations are designed to fix their concentration on Christ. Limitations are exercises designed to build the growing believers absolute confidence on God.

The following are basic principles necessary for handling limitations:

- Maintain Silence. Do not panic (Exodus 14:14). Use the Bible doctrine in your souls to stabilize and maintain poise and confidence toward God.
- Do not waste your time grumbling (Phil. 2:14). Redeem the time (Eph. 5:16) by doing the will of God instead of living under the power of the OSN
- Continue to wait upon the Lord (Isaiah 40:28-31) Focus on Christ and keep studying Bible doctrine.
- Rejoice and do not be anxious (Phil. 4:4-6). The omniscient God knows your situation better than you do.

The blessings of spiritual maturity is fabulous, the requirements for handling such blessings are also very high. We are left in this world to overcome the system and not to be overpowered or controlled by it. We are not to conquer the world, its power and splendor but to resist, reject and deny it.

The earthly limitations are not meant to defeat or overpower the believers but to build our strength by overcoming them through the divine resources. Christians are designed for victory and to triumph by the grace of God through the Bible doctrine stored and resident in the souls with the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

All men without the knowledge of God are foolish (Titus 3:3). Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Cor. 1:20, 25). For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As the Scriptures say, God catches those who think they are wise in their own cleverness (1 Cor. 3:19). "A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart." Proverbs 18:2

Spiritual wisdom is the ability to devise perfect ends by perfect means. It has the ability to see everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision. Spiritual wisdom (refers only to wisdom of God) is the power to see the inclination to choose the best and highest goal with the perfect means to attain it. God alone is naturally, entirely, perfectly, and eternally invariable wise.

More wisdom of Bible doctrine means more spiritual growth, more spiritual blessings, more power to execute of the will and the plan of god in spite weaknesses and human limitations.

The foundation of true wisdom is reverence toward the word of God (Psalm 111:10). The essence of religion is enthronement of self. The essence of spirituality is elimination of self. Spiritual growth therefore is the systematic dismantling of self, the tearing down of the god of self. Glorification of god in your life means the tearing down of self and lifting up the Lord Jesus Christ by being in the right place of blessings.



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