

THE WORD CORNER

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We all have questions as we go about living out a life in Christ in today's world. The good news is there is a reference and guide book available for all of us: THE BIBLE. We need to remember to look in THE BIBLE for the answers to our questions. We can always rely on the scripture to lead and guide us in our walk with Jesus. THE WORD CORNER is a forum for providing questions and answers based on scripture for living each day in joy!

The Questions

Have you been genuinely mistreated?
If so, do you have the right to be offended?

The Answers

There are two categories of offended people:

- 1.) Those who have been genuinely mistreated, and
- 2.) Those who think they have been mistreated but actually were no.

Now the question, do I have the Biblical right to retaliate?

Only the Bible has the answer for all our problems and question. It is God's handbook for man.

REFUSE OR CHOOSE :

Job 34: 31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

We have to understand that as one that is being criticized, we never respond to the words that hurt and make us feel humiliated. We have to choose to be hurt more with words of retaliation or refuse to fuel the argument.

Ps. 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

If we could ever learn to die daily in prayer, then words of criticism will not hurt us and we will not respond to negative words.

Prov. 9:8-9 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: In correcting or trying to change a person

we only add to the confusion and cause the person to not like us anymore.

Prov. 15:12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

Prov. 19: 11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

The scripture is teaching us not to be angry and it is dignity to overlook what they say.

Matt. 7:1-5 Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Why do we think we can judge others when we in most cases not perfect?

Matt.13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth, Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

We can be hurt and in our hurt return with words and actions that can destroy our own life and happiness. We should choose not to lose our soul over someone's attitude about us or our actions.

Matt. 24:10 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

The Word is telling us this is going to happen but God forbid that we are guilty of this sin.

Mark 15:3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

Jesus gave us the perfect response to people that are accusers.

Luke 17: 1-3 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke (admonish) him; and if he repent, forgive him.

John 16:1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

Rom. 2:1-3 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Ro. 8:33-35 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Ro. 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Until someone makes a heaven and makes a way for me to go I will not except another judge or be a judge. God is the only true judge.

2 Cor. 11: 24-29 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

We want to tell others of our hurts and then choose sides. This is a pity party. Until we can look in the face of Paul or even Jesus, and say I have gone through more than you, can we ever have the right to feel sorry for ourselves and feel offended?

Acts 24: 16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

We need to keep our mind and focus on the truth of God's Word then we will always have a good conscience.

Phil. 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received,

and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Let us try to think good things and say good things and we will find our minds at peace and our hearts (feelings) will be lifted up. Singing is a good way to get your spirits up. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

Ps. 96:1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

1 Tim. 5:19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

Not only an elder but let's make a practice not to receive an accusation from anyone or make an accusation.

2 Tim. 3:1-5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

If you know someone that is always negative about others, the scripture says, find a new friend.

Heb 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

Remember God will take care of all people that continue to run their mouth about others.

James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

This is all about discipline and control of our own minds and mouth. Let's get our mouth speaking good about others everyday. This will help God to get in control our flapping lips.

James 4:11-12 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

1 Peter 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

We have heard I forgive but I will not forget. Well, we better forget or we will lose our blessing. We better forgive also.

1 Peter 3:17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

If people want to put us down for being good, so what? It is better then being put down for doing or saying something wrong. They are going to talk anyway.

Jude 1: 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

The angels of God don't disobey this rule. Why in the world do we think that we can?

Rev. 12:9-10 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, NOW is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

CONCLUSION

The old spirit of accusations comes from the devil. We must be careful not to be used of Satan. Neither do we except other accusations and be offended at what Satan has said through some ones mouth.

Remember anyone can be used of this evil spirit if they do not have control of their minds. We can look at the scene as it really is now. Let's change and not be used to intimidated others or be intimidated any longer by the words of other that are being used by the enemy. Our mistreatment is nothing compared to what our wonderful savior suffered. Let us forgive and be happy and know that we are a child of the King. He will take care of all those that hurt and destroy in time. Let us not try and help God with His work.

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