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An Attitude of Thankfulness

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God promises no easy path or days without troubles, trials, difficulties, or temptations. He never promises that life will be perfect. He does not call His children to a playground, but to a battlefield. Some people have the wrong idea of living a Christian life. As they observe talented, brilliant Christians, they attempt to imitate them. For them the grass on the other side of the fence is always greener. When they discover that their own contributions are more modest or perhaps invisible, they fade in discouragement and overlook genuine opportunities that are open to them.

The apostle Paul said, *"None of these things move me"* (Acts 20:24 KJV). None suffered like Paul did, but he learned how to use his suffering to show people who God is. He learned to live above his circumstances, even in prison. We can do the same and refuse to allow circumstances to get you down. In the middle of our difficulties, there will be deep joy, for the Lord is our strength (Psalm 28:7).

Our Key to Peace

Believe it or not, this is our key to peace. Paul also wrote, *"We are troubled on every side but not distressed, we are perplexed but not despair, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down, but not destroyed"* (2 Corinthians 4:8-9 KJV). All these qualities are the mark of a victorious Christian. They can be yours, giving you the ultimate victory. They are part of your birthright.

As children of God, we never suffer spiritual defeat. Our days of defeat are over. From now on, we should want to live every minute to its fullest, welcoming each day as another twenty-four hours to devote to Christ. Every new day will be filled with opportunities to serve others. We will spend many moments with God, and we know that our sins are forgiven and that we are on our way to heaven.

Thankfulness Through It All

Taking this "servant" attitude of thankfulness in all of life's circumstances will help us react as Mathew Henry did when he was mugged. He wrote in his diary, "Let me be thankful first because I was never robbed before; second, although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed not I who robbed."

When things don't go our way at work, we will do well to take on the same attitude. As the world grows further and further away from God's truth, we can feel defeated. As Paul Harvey would say, "Then there is the rest of the story." Remember for Christians there is a great end to the story, we win because of Jesus. In Philippians 2:14-15, Paul illustrates how a Christian will become more visible. The darker the times, the more Christians should stand out. If our visibility is marked by being downcast and defeated, then we lose the battle. James wrote in chapter 1:2-4 (ESV) ...

"Count it all joy when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

Comparing our ministry to others can make us either prideful or discouraged. No one's ministry is greater or lesser than the one God has for each of us. Don't miss the opportunities God has provided thinking they are too small. Can you be thankful for what God has called you to do with the gifts He has given you?

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even there Your hand will guide me, Your strength will support me."*
Psalm 139:9-10

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