

Religious Tradition Will Not Build Strong Faith

Thousands of Christians are not living an overcoming, abundant life in Christ. One big reason is that many are living life based on religious tradition. But Jesus taught that our traditions will make the Word of God of no effect. (**Mark 7:13**)

Here's another reason: Jesus taught us to pray *"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."* (**Matthew 6:33**.)

You see, God's will is not automatically done on earth -- that's why Jesus told us to pray for God's will to be done on earth. It's really straight forward.

God's will is always done in the Kingdom of Heaven, but His will is not always done on earth. Praying and loosing Kingdom blessings on earth are the Believer's job!

Why? Because God gave His authority over the earth to mankind. (**Psalm 115:16**: The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.)

We have God's authority to take dominion over circumstances and pray for the goodness and glory of God to happen on earth!

No wonder so many prayers go unanswered. So many are praying based on human reasoning, feelings and experience -- rather than the God-inspired, God-breathed "Word" from Heaven.

Many people (including ministers) analyze circumstances and blame God when something bad happens, but the truth is that the will of God is always good.

Satan tries to distort God's goodness and if we believe his deception our faith will not be strong -- when in a "faith-fight."

We must develop our faith with one thing in mind: God is good and Satan is bad. All Scriptural truth must fit seamlessly with other Scriptural truth. For example: to say that God is responsible for "everything" that happens (good or bad) is directly opposite of what Jesus said in **John 10:10**. The truth is that, "the thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill and destroy . . ."

Therefore, to say that God allows "everything" (accidents, sickness, child pornography, disasters, death, etc.) -- for our good -- cannot be the truth!

The Lord God has given many wonderful promises to cause good in our lives: prayer, God's Word, Jesus' name, ministry gifts, the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, angels, God's gift of authority, and faith that moves mountains. 'These' are the things that "work together for our good." These are the things that will help us rise to an overcoming victory when faced with a faith-fight.

Best Ways to Build Your Faith

1. Read the Word of God.
Joshua 1:8; Proverbs 4:20-23
2. Listen to the Word.
Romans 10:17; Matthew 11:15
3. Meditate the Word.
Philippians 4:8; Joshua 1:8
4. Confess the Word.
Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 3:1, 4:14
5. Pray & Speak the Word.
Matthew 6:10; Hebrews 4:12; Jude 20
6. Assemble together with other Spirit-filled believers.
Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Corinthians 14:14-15

Romans 10:17; James 4:7; Matt. 17:20;
Matt. 21:21; Luke 17:6; Col. 3:15-16;
Hebrews 11:6; Rom. 4:17-20;
Ephesians 5:16; Gal. 5:6; John 10:10;
2 Cor. 5:7; Eph. 6:16; 1 John 5:4;
Mark 11:22-25; Heb. 11:1; Heb. 4:14.

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Here are some religious, man-made, traditional statements that will **Weaken** Your Faith because they are not scriptural:

(See John 10:10, 1 Peter 5:8.)

* Religion says: Everything happens for a reason.

* Religion says: Trouble can be a blessing in disguise.

* Religion says: Whatever happens must be God's will because God allowed it.

* Religion says: God is 'going to' heal me.

* Religion says: All things, good and bad, work together for our good.

* Religion says: God is getting our attention with trouble & sickness.

* Religion says: Let go and let God.

* Religion allows judgmental attitudes that divide churches.

* Religion blames tragedy & death on the sovereignty of God.

* Religion turns prayer into a "form of godliness" with no power.

* Religion says: God can heal me if He wants to.

Mark 7:13, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition.

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