

PREPARED TO LIVE IN VICTORY: LET'S DO GOOD DEEDS

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I. OUR CALL TO DO GOOD WORKS

A. Throughout the entire epistle, the Holy Spirit through Peter has spoken to us much about doing good:

1. In an unfair government system:

2:15 *"For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people."*

2. When we have harsh bosses:

2:20 *"For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God."*

3. In a marriage where there is an unequal yoke:

3:6 *"as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening."*

4. If we want for us to go well:

3:11 *"let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it."*

5. Cuando somos perseguidos o insultados:

3:17 *"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil."*

6. When God executes a judgment to purify us:

4:19 *"Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good."*

B. Our Heavenly Father wants His children to be known for doing good deeds.

1 Pet. 2:12 *"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."*

C. Non-Christians can tell us that we are cretins because our values and message contradict their lifestyle, but seeing the good deeds we do in the midst of the attack will change their way of thinking; from accusing us of being wrongdoers to giving glory to God because they see that Jesus is our supernatural source of joy and peace.

II. THE GOOD DEED OF HOSPITALITY WITHOUT GRUMBLING

1 Pet. 4:9 *"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling."*

- A. **What is hospitality?** It literally means to have affection for strangers, that is, those who are not from your family. It is to welcome someone who does not come from your environment and open the door of your home. Hosting can refer to inviting them to eat or to rest, sleep or play. It can refer to all kinds of things that people need, it can be instructions, or shelter from the rain or cold. Are we ready and willing to risk opening our house to other people?
- B. **"without grumbling"** How can it be possible for us to be more hospitable without grumbling? By nature we do not like to be bothered or threatened by people we do not know. Being hospitable is part of what he said earlier: **"keep loving one another earnestly..." (1 Pet. 4:8).**
- C. If love is not from the heart it is not love but if you are sincere, deep and fervent in your love for others, then you will not be prone to grumble when hosting other people. Hosting without grumbling is not easy, but once we realize what a blessing it is, we will value this Christian virtue knowing that we are receiving Jesus himself.

Matt. 25:35 y 40 ***"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me'."***

- D. New Testament Christianity operates from the heart:

1 Pet. 5:2 ***"shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly [without grumbling]."***

2 Cor. 9:7 ***"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."***

- E. Give your time, your house, your pastoral work, your heart, your money, your hospitality to people but not reluctantly. God is not in the business of calling us to an outward show only: 'you just be hospitable, no matter what you feel inside.' Christian love is real and produces a delight to bless others.

III. HOW IS IT THAT WE SINNERS DO THIS?

1 Pet. 2:21 ***"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps."***

- A. Hospitality can be inconvenient and when we feel uncomfortable or suffer a little, or risk a little, we tend to murmur or complain and here it tells us to this kind of suffering or inconvenience we have been called because Christ suffered for us. **He is the maximum host who suffered the greatest inconvenience.** He came to welcome us into his life, into his family with God, leaving us an example for us to follow in His footsteps.
- B. We also have several promises of hope and rewards in the Word that work to help us do things that are difficult.

1 Ped. 3:9 "Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing."

- C. If someone has treated you badly and comes to your door and needs help, you don't tell them: 'You didn't help me, I'm not going to help you either; I am not going to show you any hospitality because you misbehaved with me.' On the contrary, we are going to bless with hospitality because for this we were called so that we can obtain a blessing; this is hope. God will reward you.

1 Ped. 5:4 "And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."

Lc. 14:13-14 "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

- D. The motivation of obtaining a reward is typical for hospitality in the New Testament. In other words, there may be blessing in your hospitality that you have no idea about.

Heb. 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

- E. We are a people of pilgrims, we show hospitality to other pilgrims, we are not trying to maximize our comforts here; we are willing to be inconvenienced by bringing other people to our tables, lives, schedules, even if we have to stretch the food a bit, who knows what language they speak, where they are going to sleep, maybe a sofa, maybe it is a couple, we can put objections but we are not here just to live comfortably and safely but so that our lives shine.

IV. HOSTING MAKES US THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- A. Doing our good deeds without grumbling, including hospitality, leads us to be the light of the world.

Phil. 2:14-15 "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world [we are Houses of Light]."

- B. As a people that is grumbling-free we are the light by living in a world that is crooked and depraved, darkened with self-centered complaint. How sad it is when we are part of this, complaining and murmuring when the Bible says to do everything without murmuring.

- C. To be free to grumbling in our good deeds is to be a light that shines, this was the same thing that Jesus said:

Mat. 5:11-16 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven... ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the

house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

- D. Many unbelievers do good deeds and do not glorify God, but rejoicing and being glad when we are cursed or persecuted is the opposite of murmuring and the reason is that our reward is great in heaven, that is why we are the salt and light of the world.
- E. The light of the world that makes people glorify the Father is not just good deeds but those good deeds done with joy in the midst of inconvenience and suffering. That is something that the world cannot imitate, they do not have categories to understand in their own terms people who, despite being insulted, persecuted, defamed, can still rejoice in showing hospitality without grumbling.

V. REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How intentional are you in doing good deeds to both those you know and those you don't know? Explain
2. Do you consider yourself a host? Explain
3. How is it that hosting without murmuring makes us be light in a world of darkness?

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Prophecy Rooms: Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.** Please make an appointment at www.nhop.la
2. **Everyone is invited to our special Thanksgiving service: Thursday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m.** Our children's ministry will be open.
3. **The worship team from our church, House of Prayer, and HOLY58 will be holding auditions for musicians and singers on Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m.** Please register at www.housesoflight.org
4. **We remind you about our ministries available for your children during services: Nursery:** from 1 to 2 years old • **Kids Ministry** from 2 to 10 years old **and Teens: HOLA** from 11 to 13 Sundays second service (11:00 a.m.)