

## Deal with Spiritual Situations Spiritually

**Christians must deal with all things Spiritually** - Eph 6:12-13 For our struggle IS NOT AGAINST flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore **PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD**, so that **WHEN** the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand

- We can have antidepressants but that can't be the solution
- We can give our children behavioral meds, but that can't be the fix
- It's okay to have physical things that we enjoy and give comfort (as long as they are not sinful) but they CANNOT BE our Joy and Comfort
- Just because something seems to work does not mean it was Spiritually done (remember Moses)

**Scenario:** a Christian fell into extreme financial difficulties and needed a lot of money in a short time. He decided how he was going to handle it was to pray out loud with long repetitive prayers so people will see how holy he was and for God to hear him due to his long prayers. Miraculously the man received all the money he needed and more.

**Question:** With this outcome, would it be by faith to follow this man's lead when you run into a financial problem? (See Matt 6:5-8)

**We need to stop shortchanging ourselves by dealing with things fleshly** - 1 Tim 4:7-8 - 7 Have **NOTHING TO DO WITH** godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **TRAIN YOURSELF TO BE GODLY.** 8 For physical training is of SOME VALUE, but godliness has VALUE FOR ALL THINGS, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

**God allows the most undesirable situations for the most important reasons in your life. Only the Spiritual will see this** - 2 Cor 1:8-9 - 8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, **FAR BEYOND OUR ABILITY TO ENDURE**, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But **THIS HAPPENED THAT WE MIGHT NOT RELY ON OURSELVES BUT ON GOD**, who raises the dead.

**Our status and situation should have nothing to do with how we live** - 1 Cor 7:17-24 - 17 Nevertheless, each one should RETAIN THE PLACE IN LIFE that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. 18 Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. **KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDS IS WHAT COUNTS.** 20 Each one should **REMAIN IN THE SITUATION** which he was in when God called him. 21 Were you a slave when you were called? **DON'T LET IT TROUBLE YOU** — although if you can gain your freedom, do so. 22 For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. 24 Brothers, **EACH MAN, AS RESPONSIBLE TO GOD, SHOULD REMAIN IN THE SITUATION GOD CALLED HIM TO.**

- My motivation is obeying God not who I am and what I have
- Situation is NEVER to dictate us we are to live responsible to God despite the situation

### Dealing with each situation Spiritually

**This can't be any clearer** - 2 Cor 5:7 We live by faith, **NOT by sight.**

**Spiritual dealing will require complete trust** - John 14:1 "**DO NOT LET** your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

**Every Christian MUST readjust their priorities** - 1 Cor 7:29-31 - 29 What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For **THIS WORLD IN ITS PRESENT FORM IS PASSING AWAY.**

**Stop doing what LOOKS Spiritual do WHAT IS Spiritual** - Col 2:20-23 - 20 If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, 21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" 22 (which all refer to things destined to perish with use) — **IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMANDMENTS AND TEACHINGS OF MEN?** 23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of **NO VALUE AGAINST FLESHLY INDULGENCE.** NASU

**Stop following ungodly teachings** - Heb 13:9 **DO NOT BE** carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them.

**We need each other's daily focus and encouragement** - Heb 3:12-13 - 12 **See to it**, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.