
Calling Things That Are Not as Though They Were

There is no other subject that is more important to the Body of Christ today than the Bible principle of calling things that are not. Yet it is a subject that is very controversial in some religious circles and grossly misunderstood by many!

I admonish you to approach this subject with a desire to know and understand God's methods. They may seem strange to you because of your religious background. But don't make a decision for or against the subject until you know what God said and did concerning this matter.

This book is important to the rest of your life. Read it prayerfully. It is dedicated to your freedom and success, both spiritually and financially.

For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, God has chosen, and things which are not, to bring to nothing things that are. (1 Cor. 1:26-28)

God has chosen this method. Some don't know this scripture is in the Bible, even though they have read it many times. God chose this method of using things that are not manifest (things that you cannot see with the natural eye) to bring to naught the things that are manifest. Naught means "zero"; to bring to naught" means to reduce to nothing the things that are manifest.

This is a Bible principle. God chose it. I didn't choose it until after God chose it. God could have done it any way He wanted to, but He chose to do it this way. He chose to use things that are not manifest. He chose spiritual forces to use things that are not manifest. He chose spiritual forces that you cannot see, feel, taste, smell or hear to bring to naught the things that are manifest.

He chose this method to reduce to naught those things that are not in agreement with the Word of God. If you have a problem and you can see it, then it's in the natural realm. As long as you can see it, you can use your faith and the Word of God to change it!

Same Spirit of Faith

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak... For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

(2 Cor. 4:13,17,18)

The unseen realm is the power realm. The unseen is governed by God's eternal principles. Here is the principle that God has ordained. God used it all through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. It's the principle that Jesus used in all of His ministry. It's the principle of calling things that are not as though they were. We find Paul's account of God doing this in Romans 4.

(As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they were. (Rom. 4:17)

God calls things that are not manifest as though they were manifest. Compare this with what the Apostle Paul said,

“God has chosen the things which are not, to bring to naught things that are.” (1 Corinthians 1:28.) This is God’s method. Call for eternal forces that put to naught things that are seen. Call into manifestation the things that are not, and they will replace what is manifest.

Paul said that we should overcome evil with good. When you start talking about calling things that are not as though they were, some people get the idea you are denying what exists. Some believe that confessing the answer is denying the things that exist. But confessing the answer is not denying what exists; it is the principle of calling things that are not as though they were.

Don’t Call Things That Are As Though They Were Not

There is a great difference between calling things that are not as though they were and calling things that are as though they are not. God’s method is to call things that are not. In other words, He calls them into manifestation. By doing that, He nullifies the problem that exists.

If the problem exists, you don’t deny that the problem exists, If you are sick, you don’t deny that you are sick. But on the other hand, you don’t want to always be confessing your sickness either. Some who misunderstand this message think if they are sick, they should say, “I’m not sick.” Just denying you are sick won’t make you well. In fact, that could be a lie. But there is a difference between a lie and a confession!

Confession is a method of calling things that are not as though they were. If I am sick, I will confess I am healed by the stripes of Jesus. I am delivered from the authority of darkness. I am redeemed from the curse of the law. I am calling my body well and healthy in Jesus’ name!

I am not denying sickness, I am denying its right to exist in my body. I’m calling for health and healing in my body. That is God’s method.

Don’t Act Like the Devil

There are those who will say, “You are just trying to act like God.” And I appreciate that; I usually say, “Thank you very much.” I would rather act like God than act like the devil. If I am acting like God, saying what God said about me, then those who are saying what the devil said are acting like the devil’.

If you are always quoting what the devil said, then you are agreeing with the devil. The devil will tell you, “You’re sick, and you are going to die. You are never going to get any better.” Well’, it may look that way on the surface, but don’t quote the devil, he is a liar! Even when there is no hope, don’t confess no hope, but go to God’s Word and get some hope. Glory to God!

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