



“Woe to her who is rebellious and defiled, the tyrannical city! She heeded no voice; she accepted no instruction. She did not trust in the LORD; she did not draw near to her God.” Zephaniah 3:1 – 2 NASB

Having been translated into a completely different kingdom the Christian must learn to act and react redemptively rather than responding to circumstances by their natural inclinations! “Easier said than done”, “but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” (Romans 8:6).

Learn to cultivate the opposite spirit of that which you find yourself surrounded. Such response brings the Kingdom and its King’s authority on the scene!

Do you often find yourself in a situation where complaining and murmuring is all around? Charge the atmosphere with thanksgiving and praise. Answer angry words with soft and kind language. Refuse to gossip but instead offer encouragements. Is rebellion in manifestation? Yield to Christ. Is moral pollution openly pouring its filth on all those in the room? Walk in purity of thought and action refusing to look or laugh as if these foul things are normal or somehow funny! Are folks oppressed? Will you be the demonstration of Christ in their midst? Do you find yourself in the midst of disobedience and ridicule of authority? Quick obedience and honor to those in authority will raise a clear and visible standard whereby others might better see and judge themselves. Around those who refuse to receive correction can you remain teachable?

Friend, this is what it means to be salt and light!

In responding to the Spirit of the LORD rather than to the spirit of this world, the Christian frees himself from the chains of carnality and can begin to enjoy the higher laws of another Kingdom! By acting redemptively within those situations that we find ourselves we may then begin to offer to those in need of Christ’s redemption a strong and practical living demonstration of Christian living – representing the life giving truth that Jesus Christ is LORD!

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