

Never Let it be Said that I Took Away Your Freedom

Whenever someone in authority brings correction or reprogramming, there is a propensity to be 'put out' by it. The expression often heard is, "You're taking away my freedom!" or "You're stopping me from being myself!"

As the King reprograms and corrects us so that we align with him, be careful not to think he's 'clipping your wings'. The reverse is true. Complete surrender and remodelling will be total liberty for you.

In the same way as we come out of religion, legalism and the OC, don't receive it negatively. Allow the changes to take place in your thinking and let joy accompany your new found freedom.

You see, the desire of people is to chase after what they enjoy or what makes them happy. But the Kingdom life is about following our King in righteousness. For us:

- **Joy** is a fruit that the Spirit brings when he is allowed to operate fully in our lives with *agape* love.
- **Enjoyment** in life is being on Kingdom assignment, partnering with the King and being Father's cherished son.
- **Pleasure** is basking in Father's love and loving him back. It's being ONE with the members of the Trinity. It's loving our Beloved in response to his overwhelming love to us.

There is a tendency with reprogramming to enter into heaviness. Aligning with the character and ways of the Lord is a sobering activity, but it must not override the fruit that the Spirit brings to our lives. If this heaviness is happening in you, it is the work of the enemy – a spirit of heaviness, not the burden of the Lord. The Lord's burden is easy and light, so be on your guard against this type of attack from off-field.

Our prime responsibility is our intimate relationship with our Beloved and going deeper into oneness with him. Focus on this – immerse yourself in this – and allow him to bring the reprogramming changes into effect.

However, if we don't pay attention to what he's wanting to change in us, and what he's wanting us to hear, the cares and concerns of life will drown that out and we'll not mature spiritually.

2 Peter 2:20, 22 (ISV) – *For if, after escaping the world's corruptions through a full knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Messiah, they are again entangled and conquered by those corruptions, then their last condition is worse than their former one...The proverb is true that describes what has happened to them: "A dog returns to its vomit"¹, and "A pig that is washed goes back to wallow in the mud"².*

Reprogramming and relationship is what he wants for his Bride in these Last Days. So focus on him and not any negativity or heaviness. Focus, focus, focus.

Never let it be said that my teaching took away your freedom by restricting what you can do. Coming out of religion, legalism and OC is intended – according to Paul – to release us into liberty and freedom. You have freedom in the Gospel to believe what you want and do what you want. However, every decision has consequences, so choose what the King wants and you'll grow as a son in maturity and not stay as a baby.

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1 – Proverbs 26:11

2 – The source of this quotation appears to be the Syrian "Story of Ahikar".