



“I was at ease, but He shattered me, and He has grasped me by the neck and shaken me to pieces; He also set me up as His target” (Job 16:12).

Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be distressed. Blessed flexibility is not one of Jesus’ original beatitudes, yet it is a great attitude for emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Be disciplined to live a flexible life.

Every person has a need for identity: to develop and discern abilities, to know purpose in life, and to have opportunities to exercise that ability and purpose. Being identified is good yet prudence teaches not to be identical. No one wants to live without change in how things are accomplished, particularly when life becomes uninteresting. However, one should not rebel against the existing state of affairs solely for the sake of change.

Being challenged for adaptability (flexibility) is good. Inflexibility means being prevented from adapting to a variety of difficult and unusual circumstances. “Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am” (Phil 4:11). Paul’s experiences ranged from the pulpit to prison, and yet never did he falter or become disrupted or distracted.

Whether he experienced highs or lows, such as plenty or poverty, whether abased or abounding, or receiving unnecessary and unreasonable criticism, the Apostle Paul knew the value of being flexible. A person’s fundamental character is evident through what it takes to demoralize their spirit.

Flexibility can be a challenge to personal confidence and satisfaction. Job confessed, “I was at ease, but. . .” God allowed unprecedented suffering to enter Job’s life, and that challenged his ideas and plans for the future. The restorative solution for stagnation and basis for adaptability is to recognize the gracious and sovereign working of God.

David strategically retreated from his palace in Jerusalem for the mountains of Judah because he knew how and when to be flexible. He knew the providence of God and that he would return to Jerusalem if it were the Lord’s will. If not, he was content for God to rearrange the affairs of his life. Philip was engaged in evangelistic meetings in Samaria when God instructed him to go south to the desert for a solitary witness to an Ethiopian eunuch. The ability to adapt comes from the leading of the Holy Spirit in accordance with the Word of God.

Hearts of stone or easy manipulation does not characterize those men and women most effective in realms of victory. They are flexible and malleable, able to be molded in accordance with the will of God, yet indelible (stable) and resolute in all form or place. Leaders do well to learn the skill of being flexible.

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens Me” (Phil 4:13). In 1958, J. B. Philips produced a highly readable translation of the New Testament, which reads, “I am ready for anything through the strength of the one who lives within me.”

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