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WHEN GOD SAYS NO

When we pray, there will be one of three answers: yes, no, and not now. We often don't understand why all of our prayers aren't yes, when we pray them from a heart that wants God's best. When "no" comes, it causes us to ask why.

Like little children, when we tell them "no", it is often because they don't understand that saying "yes" would not be for their own good. They haven't lived life long enough to see the "big picture" of what would happen if we said "yes". God knows us better than anyone, and when a "no" comes, it is always for our own good.

I remember a famous Christian television host sharing that he was offered a great deal of money to sell his "program" to an individual but knew when a "no" came from God that it would have been a disaster to have gone ahead anyway.

If we honestly looked back over our life where there has been a "shut door" we could see that it was Holy Spirit leading us and protecting us. Perhaps it was a relationship that you found out would have ended badly because you weren't equally yoked. Perhaps a business deal where a partner would have compromised your Christian walk. Maybe it was a job you didn't get, but God had a better one.

Whatever the reason, we must know from Romans 8:28, ***"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*** God has something better for us or has protected us when a no comes.

Don't fight against the "nos" in life. They are given for a reason. When they come, examine your heart to see if you truly were following God, or your flesh. See if there is some unrepented sin that has shut a door. If not, then you know it was God protecting you.

The apostle Paul tried to go to an area, but God shut that door. Don't try to open a door that was shut. It could cause you great harm or cause you to compromise your walk with God if you persist in something that was a "no". Remember, they come for your good. God has a plan and it often includes the "nos" along with the "yeses" and the "not nows".