

Satan Covets This Powerful Blessing in Your Basket

I had the oddest experience today that got me to thinking about how the enemy covets our blessings. I was shopping in the woman's department at a local store. I found the perfect skirt, blouse and blazer outfit needed for my next ministry trip to Tanzania.

- It was the right fabric for the hot and humid weather,
- It was a great color for me.
- It was very versatile.
- It was able to pack well.
- And it would wash and wear easily.
- It was one of a kind, not another one like it on the racks.
- And the price was great.
- It's as if God fashioned the outfit for my needs and desires.

I placed the outfit in my cart and continued shopping. But while I was browsing the racks, I noticed another woman nearby who was getting a little bit too close for comfort. I brushed it off, figuring she was focused on her shopping and didn't realize how close she was to me.

I turned aside to check out a blouse, when all of a sudden, this woman came up from behind me and pushed me into the clothing rack, stole the dress from my shopping cart and ran off!

In all honesty, I was taken off guard, flustered, and couldn't get out of that store fast enough. Once back in the car with my kids and good friend who accompanied me I started to detox my spirit and soul from the ugly greed of someone that would do such a thing.

But then I got to thinking about how our enemy, Satan, comes to steal, to kill and to destroy us (see John 10:10). And my thoughts went deeper than just his thieving, murderous and destructive behavior against us, but to the real motives behind his wicked attacks.

Let's look back to the woman at the store today. She didn't try to steal my purse hanging over my shoulder, which possessed the provision: my money to purchase this outfit. She coveted the blessing in my basket: the outfit itself. And so much so that she did not care how unbecomingly she behaved to get it. She pushed me aside and nabbed it from me.

This is exactly how the enemy behaves, and the true reason behind his behavior. He covets our spiritual attire, God's glory. He's jealous of what God has fashioned for us. He sees how God has uniquely designed our ministry attire, and he wants it. And he will stop at nothing to try and swipe it from us.

Christians often look at ministry attire as being a part of the five-fold ministry, but whether you realize it or not, all of God's people are called to the ministry of reconciliation (see 2 Cor. 5:18). And it might just be your blessing of healing that he wants to nab from your basket to try to prevent you from shining hope to the sick and hurting around you. Perhaps your healing already manifested, but he tries to steal your testimony by putting lying symptoms back on you. Maybe he tries to steal your witness by attacking your marriage.

What blessing is Satan trying to rob you of? And more importantly, what can you do about it? Plenty!

1. Repent of sin if you need to.
2. Pray in the perfect will of the Father as you pray in the Spirit.
3. Declare the power of the blood of Jesus Christ over you

and your family.

4. Put your faith into action, and do what God is calling you to do.

Doing these four things alone will help you to recover from the attack of the enemy and cause your spiritual attire to shine for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

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