

Deals Children of God Should Always Refuse

The other day, my husband Mike and I were having a conversation about a phrase I'll bet you've used at one time or another.

I was grumbling to Mike about a particular business situation, but said I was "dealing with it."

Mike said, "Why do people say, 'I'm dealing with it?' Doesn't a 'deal' mean that both people are getting something out of it?"

I had never thought about that. I decided to look up the word "deal." The meaning is "an agreement entered into by two or more parties for their mutual benefit."

I also considered other words that are associated with the word "deal:"

- Agreement
- Relationship
- Partnership
- Compromise
- Negotiation

Unfortunately, while some things we are dealing with are good, other deals are those made with the devil.

A prime example is those "dealing with" addictions. But what is the deal?

We know what the enemy gets out of the deal according to Jesus in John 10:10:

"The thief does not come, except to steal and kill and destroy ... "

So when he gets us spending our time and money to feed an addiction, he fulfills his mission statement.

But what do we get out of the deal?

It is a hard question. As God's people, we need to question the things we are "dealing with." If it is not a mutually beneficial situation, we need to refuse that deal.

When it comes to sin, we ought never to "deal with" that. According to God's word, here is the proper response to sin:

"Therefore submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

I don't mean that you will never sin or that sin doesn't tempt us. But we don't make deals with it or make sin normal in our lives.

On the flip side, consider some of the great "deals" the Lord offers His people:

- *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16, MEV).*
- *"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You" (Is. 26:3).*
- *"And let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:9).*
- *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally and without criticism, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).*

In these Scriptures, you see the benefits are everlasting life, peace, reward and wisdom. What a deal!

But to obtain these blessings, conditions must be met:

- Believe in Jesus
- Keep your mind stayed on the Lord

- Continue to do good
- Ask of God

God wants His people to redeem the deals found in His word. In Psalm 35:27, the Lord says, “May those who favor my righteous cause shout for joy and be glad; may they say continually, ‘The Lord be magnified, who delights in the peace of His servant.’”

Wise people search out the promises in God’s Word like they are gold and silver because promises like these represent the true riches in life.

So today, consider the words coming out of your mouth. What you are dealing with?

If you’ve been making deals where you shouldn’t, then take authority over those situations, asking God specifically for a plan for your situation. Each day, pray for strength to walk out that plan and receive it by faith.

The best deal of all is the abundant life that Jesus promised in John 10:10. It’s all about getting to know God through a deeper way, yes even through a weight loss journey!

Before you know it, you will see bigger and better deals coming your way—and will prosper from them. {eoa}

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