

# Great Joy In The City Ministries

“With God all things are possible”



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Dear BSCMF Member,

**"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."**

- **1 Peter 3:8-9**

***"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."*** Do you want to be truly blessed by God? I mean, do you want to experience the exceedingly blessings of the Kingdom of God? I am not talking about some celebrity preacher who brags about being blessed by God when it's just his ministry plan and budget working, and the trustees of his ministry giving him a million dollar salary – that is man-made blessings. I am talking about 'unexpected' blessings, where the world comes knocking at your door and prospers you - which is rare in today's world? Too many Believers are seeking Church people to bless them – especially pastors and ministers. This is contrary to the whole premise about the Kingdom of God and 'taking the land': True Kingdom Blessing comes from taking the wealth of the world – just like the Israelites when they left Egypt and the Egyptians gave them all their wealth and riches. Well, if I have your attention with my words and you are wanting to be blessed in such a manner, then you need to follow the command written above in 1 Peter 3:8-9. It clearly states that when people do you wrong, you are not to retaliate against the person who causes you evil and harm, but you should pray and bless them – because this is the way to inherit a true Kingdom blessing!

Never retaliate in response to what people do to you. My wife Christina and I have had many chances over the last 25 years to 'answer evil for evil' but we have refused. On many occasions, we have been disrespected, unfairly treated or been wronged; and sadly and honestly – many times by Church people. I am talking about people doing evil because they are prideful or have an over-inflated opinion about themselves: An attitude of "I am better or more important than you and therefore I can treat you badly". But in such times, my wife and I have endeavored to keep silent when treated badly...and let me tell you that it is not easy, especially when you are treated in such a way by Church people who don't have the formal education, 'worldly success' or 'Kingdom success' that you have attained. So when our flesh starts to rise up in such cases, we endeavor to diligently 'crucify our flesh' and walk in humility. We pray for the offender and keep silent. But we have found something out over the years when we have successfully walked as Jesus commanded: We have received countless surprise gifts and blessings from God; and in many cases, end up in a higher and better position and place than the offender. We diligently roll the care of the hurt upon the Lord because we are commanded to walk in love, humility and servanthood. We forgive the person; and in actuality, feel sorry for them because they are just hurting themselves by their actions. Always understand that God loves you – that you are highly favored and graced by your heavenly Father...God loves you, and when you let your heavenly Father handle the matter and you walk as Jesus walked upon the earth, you will find the doors to the Kingdom of God open widely – and the unlimited blessings of God abundantly poured out upon you. So the next time someone treats you badly – walk in love and let God handle the matter!

May God bless you richly,

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