

The following letter was written by Charlie Williams, Ministry to Men Director. After many requests for him to write a book about *Ministry to Men* and after several attempts to do just that, someone suggested he simply write letters sharing some of the truths God has been teaching him during the years.

We will be posting his letters on the Ministry to Men Web site. This letter was posted on January 10, 2011.

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John 15:5; Phil. 4:13

The obstacles in my life stop being obstacles as I begin to trust not in what God is going to do but what He has already done. "It is finished".

As I begin to learn to rest only in Him and none in me. He told me in John 14:20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father and you are in Me and I am in you". Do I really believe and trust in the truth that God has already made provision for every situation I will ever face. He is there and I am in Him. I am a child of the living God, anything that comes against me must come thru the Son, and then the Father and if they allow it thru them it finds that I am in Him. Romans 8:31 says "If God is for me who can be against me?" Galatians 2:20 'It is no longer I but Christ in me'. Col. 1:27 'Which is Christ in me the hope of glory'.

I know these truths in my head but too often I let my circumstances and/or feelings control my life and convince me that Christ is either not there or He can't help me if He is there.

I need to go back to how I was made right with God in the first place; not by doing anything at all, but by accepting the fact that the Lord had done it all – everything. Resting in Christ for sanctification; becoming more and more like Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. Not by what I do or don't do. Sanctification is the same process, it becomes mine in the same way, not by my doing anything myself, but by my putting my faith in what the Lord Jesus has already done. All I need to do is trust Him. I want to come to the point where I say 'Lord I am unable to do anything for You, but I trust You to do everything in me'.

Ephesians 1:3 'Blessed be the God and Father of the Lord Jesus who has (already) blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

It's not about doing nothing, it's about trusting Him to His work through me.