



"My Privileged Life!"

PRIVILEGED

"All honor to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by his boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again. Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead. For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children."

The Apostle Peter | 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)

What motivates you to do... anything? Something hard? Certainly, at gunpoint you'd do something you'd rather not. Call this "I must." To a lesser extreme think of obligations, the things "I need to" do... like pay bills, clean the house, wash dishes... work? In time, "I need to" turns activities into chores, duties, burdens. How much of what you do has become a burden?

Perhaps you've elevated some activities by adopting an attitude of "I want to." You set goals and expectations (e.g., "I want to lose 10lbs.") This is good! ...until something interferes or realities fall short of expectations. "I want to" routinely leads to disappointment, have you felt it?

What would motivate one born into financial privilege? Lacking respect for the sacrifice that led to this point, his attitude might become rebellious... "because I can!" Seems to always be news about the escapades of a spoiled child of a wealthy family, right?

But what should be the attitude of one privileged, not only having received a priceless inheritance, but who's also been mercifully granted eternal life? True appreciation of Jesus' sacrifice should transform a follower's attitude to **"I Get To."**

Have you embraced your privileged life yet?

*Reflect: **What attitude has been the theme of my life?***

Unmerited mercy and grace are truly a big deal, certainly worthy of a major shift in the way we approach everything we do, right?

"For everything comes from him; everything exists by his power and is intended for his glory. To him be glory ever more. Amen. And so dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will accept. When you think of

what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?" The Apostle Paul (Romans 11:36 - 12:1)

Have you considered that your privileged position shifts more than how you do what you do?

"Happiness or sadness or wealth should not keep anyone from doing God's work. Those in frequent contact with the things of the world should make good use of them without becoming attached to them, for this world and all it contains will pass away. In everything you do, I want you to be free from the concerns of this life." The Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 7:30-32)

Paul reminds us that worldly things are here for us to generously use for God's work. Not only do we **"get to do,"** we **"get to use."**

Paul pleads... embrace your privileged life!

Consider: I'm free to live an "I Get To" life.

Though already 100% freed, why do I struggle so much to embrace my **"I Get To"** life? My grip seems iron on my old life, the one born behind enemy lines, the one anchored in obligation and scarcity. It's only natural, right? I still live here! Amid trials, my fear presents an open wound to the jabs of the Boxer, my enemy, and my grip tightens.

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." Jesus Christ (John 10:10)

Have you felt this tension as I have?

Perseverance has helped me appreciate Peter's words of wisdom...

"So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while." The Apostle Peter (1 Peter 1:6)

Joyfully directing my attitude towards **"I Get To"** in times of testing has deflected the Boxer's jabs and loosened my grip.

Peter encourages... embrace your privileged life!

*Imagine: **"I Get To" advance my Mission.***

When did you last grapple with what your life would be like had you not encountered Jesus? Do this often, and as Peter exclaims, "Be truly glad!" From this position Jesus tasks you to advance your unique Kingdom Mission. There is no better nor more challenging path to follow. Amid your trials, joyfully direct your attitude towards **"I Get To"** and Jesus will open a life packed with the fullness he spoke of. Do you want this? Commit by saying, "I will embrace..."

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- Remind myself, what did Jesus do for me?
- What tends to steal my **"I Get To"** attitude? How can I eliminate this?
- How can I set my mind on **"I Get To"** at the beginning of each day? Each night, as I reflect on my day, how can I reinforce my **"I Get To"** attitude?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

I Get To

"Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people."

The Apostle Paul | Philippians 2:14-15



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