



Giftings and Callings of the Lord are without Repentance

Growing up as little kids, at least for me, when my fellow kids made me mad, I would revoke any gifts I had given them if any. That was the price to pay. You better not make me mad or mess with me. That's the way it goes, right? In many cases, even as adults some, if not many still behave the same way. "If you hurt me, I will ask you to return all the gifts I have ever given you: —is how most adults still act. Sadly, we have taken the same mindset and thought process and transposed it on our heavenly Father. I kid you not, many believe this is how God is (*Kid, you messed up, oops, game over. I want it all back. I'm sorry I gave it to you. You can't keep up, you errored, and on and on the list goes*) This is true, especially for those that do not know Him or have a closer relationship with Him. We all fail, have failed before, and/or will fail in the future. One of the traps of the enemy, after we have blundered, is to tell us that we are damaged goods, the deal is off, and we have lost all the gifts and the callings God gave us. They have been revoked and recalled to headquarters. Nothing can be further from the truth.

If this were true, that the callings and giftings of God He has upon our lives are lost after we have sinned, errored, or transgressed, then we are all in trouble. God has no one to use. Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This is one of the most humbling passages in the Word. Not only have we sinned in the past, but we also—in the present, still come short of the glory and standard of God—Jesus. We still sin, mess up, screw things over, and so forth. This includes your adored and favorite man of God. It is important to remind ourselves that God uses us independent of who we are and not because of who we are or what we have done. It is simply because of Jesus and what he has done for us and by His grace and mercy and not because of our goodness.

None of us is qualified to be used by God. This is a simple truth for many of us to consider.

In life sometimes, we win and sometimes we learn. None of us has arrived or will arrive in this world. I have learned quite a lot in life and I'm still learning.

- 1) Romans 11:25-29 *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is*

written, *There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. 28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. 29 **For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.***

- a) The Word “gift” was translated from the Greek word “Charisma” and was used 17 times in the New Testament, and it refers to *a favor with which one receives without any merit of his own; the gift of divine grace; grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling them to serve the church of Christ.*
- b) Repentance simply means irrevocable. God does not change His mind and take them back.
- c) What a deal! All gifts are given by grace. We do not merit them, and we cannot demerit them.
- d) The context of this passage is speaking of Israel and how God has not forsaken them nor withdrawn His callings and giftings for them. They are still blessed. I have read an interesting piece stating that the majority of the wealthiest people in the world are non-religious Jews and while the religious ones tend to be the poorest in Israel. The reason is the non-religious wealthy ones are not trying to earn the blessing of Abraham through works while the religious are trying to earn it through works, but the blessing of **Abraham is by grace, not by works.** Those who are tapping into the blessing of Abraham by grace are prospering more than those who are trying to do so by works.
- e) This scripture (Romans 11:29 ***For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.***) has a broader application beyond the children of Israel as seen in context. This is saying that regardless of what an individual does, God doesn't withdraw His gifts and callings. If we will operate in faith, the gifts and callings of God can still be activated and released by faith. Anything that you've ever received from God has never been withdrawn; it is still readily available, and the present just needs to be activated by faith. No matter how badly you have messed up or blown it, the gifts and the calling of God are still present and available to you. He did not withdraw it. Do not allow the devil to steal from you these gifts and render you passive and inactive. You are still equipped, gifted, and called.

- f) This passage does not remove responsibility and living godly. There are pains and losses associated with living in sin and doing whatever we want, but as God is concerned, His gifts and calling are without repentance.

These extra passages further highlight the nature of God and that he will not repent. He does not revoke the gifts and callings He has given us. One of the other reasons is He already knows we will screw up in one or another and yet gives us these gifts anyway. Revoking them because we have sinned and erred would appear as if He made a mistake.

- 1) Numbers 23:19 *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*
- 2) Hosea 13:14 *I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.*
- 3) Malachi 3:6 *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*
 - a) If God changes or revokes His callings and gifts, He would have consumed Jacob.