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| **Whatever You Allow Jan 16, 2022**  **MATTHEW 18:18 CEV**  18 I promise you that God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth, but he will not allow anything you don't allow. Let me read that again! It is important! I promise you that God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth, but he will not allow anything you don't allow. Think about that, if ***we*** allow it here on earth, God allows it to happen. Why, because ***we*** are the ones allowing it, NOT God, ***We*** are to blame for it.  Many think whatever happens is God's will. But the Bible reveals God's will and lets us know we have a part to play in cooperating with God to see His will come to pass in our lives.  According to Jesus, God's will is that things be on earth as they are in Heaven (Matthew 6:10).  **2 Peter 3:13 (NASB)**  13  But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.  God gave us a free will. ***We*** must choose God's will, for God does not force it on us.  **Revelation 22:12 (NASB)**  12  "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.  **Revelation 22:17 (NASB)**  17  The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.  Sickness is not of God. There is no sickness in Heaven. Acts 10:38 reveals that sickness is an oppression of the devil. So, we should resist sickness.  **Revelation 21:4 (NASB)**  4  and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."  Poverty is not of God. There is no lack in Heaven.  **Revelation 22:2 (NASB)**  2  in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.  Selfishness, strife, unforgiveness, and hatred are not of God. None of those are in Heaven. These are all things we should not allow in our lives.  Revelation 21:8 (NASB)  8  "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."  The devil cannot do anything in your life unless ***you*** ***allow*** it. Scripture says that if you will resist the devil he will flee from you.  JAMES 4:7 NKJ 7 ...submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. **9**Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. **10**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up  1 PETER 5:8-9 NKJ 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9  But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. 10  After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.  Too many people resist only for a short time then quit resisting. If something is not God's will then we should maintain the attitude that it is not acceptable. If something bad is in your life it is only because you allow it to remain. You can decide to refuse and resist.  Whatever you will put up with is what you will have. But if you decide something is unacceptable then it can and should change.  "But I tried to resist, and it would not leave." ***I*** could not do it on my own! These are the time we need to allow God to work in us, to help us and guide us in our lives. But ***we*** must choose God, our choice, to follow. For what we follow is what we shall have after death.  Resisting does not mean trying for a while. Resisting evil should never stop. Resist to death. Never quit. Never give up. Never give in. Fight the good fight of faith until victory is manifest.  EPHESIANS 4:27 NKJ 27 nor give place to the devil.  **8**Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. **29**Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%204%3A27-30&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29302b)]edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. **30**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.  SAY THIS: I refuse to allow any of the works of the devil in my life. |