



THE LIMITATION WITHIN

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE
Jeremiah 1:4-10

ADDITIONAL STUDY
Exodus 4:10-16
Numbers 13:25-15
II Corinthians 5:7

PRAYER

Lord, I remove every limitation I
have placed on You in my life.
From today, how I see myself and
how I think about myself align to
how You see and think of me.
What I thought was not possible
will become possible and my
desires and dreams will be met, in
Jesus' name!

*O Sovereign Lord," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!
- Jeremiah 1:6 (NLT)*

So far this week, we have established that a limited person may have great potential for greatness, but may not achieve greatness because of the barrier that has been placed in such a person's way to greatness. Limitations determine how far we can go in life. Today therefore, we will look at the 'root' of limitations, because when you understand a problem, you are better disposed to deal with it. There are certain conditions of life that often become limitations. The causes of limitations are usually either within (internal) or without (external) and you may find yourself a victim of one or a number of them at different stages of life. Let's start by looking 'within.'

Firstly, "Limited and Defined by your Personality" - Your personality can become a prison that stops you from aspiring to God's best for you. Statements like, "I'm introverted, so I can't... I'm extroverted so I am unable to... This is how I am... I am someone who usually finds it hard to..." are killers in disguise. God maybe calling you to do something great because He knows what He has put inside of you; but you can miss that opportunity by talking yourself out of it, if it is something you ordinarily do not like to do, thereby, placing a limitation on yourself.

Secondly, "Visual Limitation" – being sight-ruled. God promised the Israelites the land of Canaan as their inheritance, but when the Israelites went to spy out the land, they saw giants in the land. Besides that, they also saw themselves as 'grasshoppers' in the eyes of these giants, so that limited them from entering the promise land. Likewise, what you can see, how you see, or even how far you can see, will place a limit on how far you can go in life. Seeing yourself as inadequate will keep you from achieving great feats.

The third 'within' imitation is "Mental" - this speaks of your mindsets. What your mind is set on will set a boundary for your life. No matter how much others believe in your abilities and validate you, if you don't see yourself like they do in your mind, you will be limited in your output, because "As you think in your heart, so are you..." (Proverbs 23:7).

We can see then that what you sometimes blame circumstances and others for is within you...Like someone once said, "The real enemy, is the inner me."

We will look at the limitations 'without' tomorrow.

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