

Hello and Welcome. Let's pray.

Jesus, I pray that every word spoken be anointed by the Holy Spirit. I pray for the listeners who are experiencing spiritual warfare, persecution, and wicked enemies today. I pray for those who are worrying and troubled over any problem. I pray every listener will hear, understand, and receive the Word of God that I will share today. Jesus open their hearts and let them learn how to trust and to be secure in God's faithfulness. In Jesus name, Amen.

I want to take some time today and praise God for sustaining me and my family another year. I want to say thank you to all who pray for and support my radio ministry. The encouraging words and valuable advice has been of great help to me. I just wanted to acknowledge you and I pray that God will bless all of you in the coming new year.

Here we are at the end of another year. It is a time to reflect on the past year and to plan for the new year. Before I retired, I was an accountant.

As an accountant, this time of the year I would have to prepare many end-of-year reports for the company owners.

We wanted to get a head start on planning for the new year coming.

But before we could move forward we had to look at the past.

We had to measure our successes and failures.

We needed to know what was working for us and build on that next year.

We also found what is not working and stop pouring our resources into those projects.

Sometimes we had invested thousands of dollars and months of man hours.

It was hard to just walk away from projects that we had invested resources.

But it was the **healthy** business decision to make.

We also had many people who owed us lots of money.

We had sold them excellent goods and services but now they are not paying as agreed and on time.

Again it was my job to recommend which accounts I thought it wise to pursue for payment and which ones would result in a lot of effort with little or no reward.

Sometimes people went bankrupt. Some people had died. Some people disappeared and could not be reached, and some people were just liars and flakes and they never intended to do the **Right** thing and pay their debt.

So I would create the CHARGE-OFF Report.

I want you to consider applying this accounting tool to your personal and spiritual life. The Bible say in

Ephesians 4:31

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and evil speaking, be put away from you.

Has someone used and abused you? Has someone offended you? Are you bitter towards a family member, friend, or co-worker? If so, look at

Hebrews 12:15

Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look and see that no one falls back from God's grace so that no root of bitterness springs forth and causes trouble, bitter torment and many to become contaminated and defile by it.

If you let unforgiveness take root, it produces fruit called bitterness. Now bitterness is a poison that will defile and contaminate your whole life. If you put a drop of poison in a glass of pure water, the whole glass of water becomes poison. The Bible warns that all of our being is defiled and poisoned by a root of bitterness. Poison and purity, bitterness and grace, strife and peace, hate and love cannot coexist. You are either dirty or pure, but you cannot have it both ways. A debt is either on your books for collection or it is written off and forgiven. The books must balance. You are not overlooking the debt that is owed, but rather you are making a conscience decision to make an off-setting entry that cancels out or forgives the debt. Forgiveness is a decision. Forgiveness is not a feeling. Forgiveness is a Choice.

When I make the decision to write off a debt owed, it does not hinge on the person who owes me money to request a cancelation of debt. My decision is based on what is the right thing to do as it pertains to the financial health of my company. How does my company benefit by forgiving the debt? When you choose to forgive someone, you are the person who benefits most, because your are no longer drinking the poison of bitterness, hate, and resentment and contaminating all the other areas of your life you could be enjoying.

However, the greatest reward is in

Matthew 6:14-15

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Did you know that offense is the bait of satan? Offense taken is a killer of divine potential. Unforgiveness creates a barrier between you and you reaching your full potential and divine destiny. Pain blocks your ability to understand and discern God's perfect will for your life. Don't let bitterness drain you of valuable resources that have no return on your dollar and prevents you from growing a stronger company or life. Pruning away dead branches causes the fruit tree to be more fruitful next season. What dead wood are you holding on to. Let it go!

Now read

Luke 6:37

Forgive and ye shall be forgiven.

This is the spiritual law of reciprocity in action. Some call it the physical law-- for every action there is a reaction. Whenever, we choose to forgive we break the cycle of hurt and pain. When we do what Jesus said, "turn the other cheek", we are absorbing the hit and it breaks the chain reaction. If we retaliate after we are wounded, it only escalates the war. Instead offer amnesty. Even, IRS realized that adding endless penalties and interest to an already uncollectable tax bill was a waste of tax payer dollars. By offering amnesty the tax account can be resolved and the books closed and balanced. It is a win-win for all.

Truthfully, if a husband cheats on you and you are still hating him 40 years later. Does the 40 years of hate really remove the act of cheating or make it up to you. No, there really is nothing a bad parent or spouse can do to make up for years of a bad childhood or marriage. Only God can restore the years the locust have eaten away. But if you are holding on to unforgiveness then you are blocking the only path you have to restoration and recovery.

So take some time and weigh, measure, and assess your book of business, finances, relationship to God and others, and life in general. See what is working and build on it. See what is consuming your time, money and sanity and write-it-off.

Now in accounting, once I write off debts, I have legally forgiven that debt and I never can attempt to collect that debt again. It has permanently been dealt with and it is off my books forever.

Do you have some debts owed to you that you need to forgive because the people are not able or not willing to pay. Get those time stealers, joy killers, life wasting liars, and just plain dead stinking things off your books permanently!

Start the new year fresh and hopeful.

Cut a new deal. Make a new plan. Build on what works.

God's kingdom on earth is a giant balance sheet. Trust God. Obey God.

Do it God's way and God will balance all accounts!

I am very interested in praying for you. Please send me your prayer requests.

Please repeat this prayer for salvation with me.

Jesus I confess I am a sinner. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me. I believe You sacrificed your life to secure my salvation and my healing. Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. Jesus heal me of all my diseases. Jesus take all my pain and symptoms and give me peace and a good night sleep. In Jesus name, Amen.

Last week, I gave you websites and phone numbers that will help you reach your congress person and your senators.

Some of you wanted that information repeated. Also this information is on my website DeborahLane.org under the heading Inspiration and go towards the end of that page.

Look up your congress person at www.house.gov/representatives

Look up your senators at www.senate.gov/senators

Second, I am giving you the phone numbers to contact your Congress person and your senators.

Call the congressional offices through the switchboard.

You can reach US Congressmen by calling 202-225-3121, and

US senators by calling 202-224-3121.

Ask the operator to connect you to the office of the name of the Congressman or Senators that represents your district and state.

Thank you for listening and I hope each of you have a blessed and safe Christmas holiday.

Also remember, Christ is the reason for the season.

Good bye and God bless.