



SERMON NOTES

The Book of Acts

When God Says No

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Acts 16:6-10 (NKJV)

6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. 7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. 8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Greek Word: κωλύω

Transliteration: kōlyō

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

To hinder, forbid, stop, prevent, obstruct, block, impede, encumber, restrain, withhold, hamper.

Practical Word Studies in The New Testament

NEGATIVE GUIDANCE

Isaiah 22:22 (NLT)

22 I will give him the key to the house of David—the highest position in the royal court. When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them.

THE POWER OF "NO"

GOD'S TEN NO'S

1. No other Gods.
2. No graven images.
3. No using my name in vain.
4. No skipping Sabbath.
5. No dishonoring of parents.
6. No murder.
7. No adultery.
8. No stealing.
9. No lying.
10. No coveting/lusting.

BLESSED NO'S

- Abraham
- Moses
- David
- Elijah
- Jonah
- The healed demonic
- James and John
- The apostle Paul
- The Lord Jesus

SCRIPTURES TO MEDIATE UPON

Psalm 106:15 (KJV)

15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

Matthew 5:37 (NLT)

“Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.”

James 4:3 (CEV)

3 Yet even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for selfish reasons.

Psalm 66:18 (NKJV)

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV)

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

WHEN GOD SAYS NO IT'S BECAUSE HE IS SAYING YES TO SOMETHING ELSE.

Acts 16:9-10 (NKJV)

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.