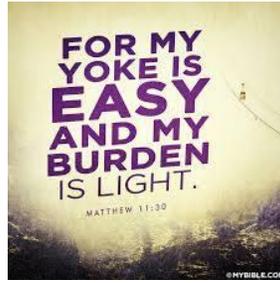


Christ's Easy Yoke-11: The Key is Transformation of the Will



In the easy yoke of Jesus Christ, one not only loves one's enemies, one finds it distasteful and thus difficult to hate one's enemies. When the will is changed, God's will is easy, light, and not burdensome:

Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ "For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."e upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ "For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome (*βαρεῖται*/heavy).

Transformation is the key. Unless and until there is a transformation of the will, one will always fight against his own disordered nature. It is not a matter of strength to do good. It is a matter of transforming the will to love God's good.

It is always easier to desire what is true/good/beautiful, the better way of Jesus, than simply deal with behavior modification through programs or even asking for more strength to love our enemies. When Christ changes our will, it is no longer a matter of strength to overcome a disordered will.

Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

In His Transformative Yoke,
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