

Bugged?

Someone said that frogs have it made - they eat what's bugging them. That is a literal feast, but we read in Galatians 5:15 where Christian cannibalism can take place, two hot heads (minus hot hearts) squaring off and going at each other ending up in . . . biting and devouring one another and being consumed. Neither one comes out a winner, both are like cement, "*thoroughly mixed and firmly set.*" All of us have our peculiarities which can "tick-off" another person. Secular history is replete with factual illustrations of major catastrophes brought about through small beginnings, such as, a Chinese emperor going to war over the breaking of a teapot. Move into the spiritual realm and read where . . . how great a matter a little fire kindleth. How can we avoid blowing our tops with those who - *BUG US?* Scripture says it calls for a time of:

CALMNESS:

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." - Proverbs 16:32.

- In other words, don't race your motor.
- Someone once said to be careful about giving the one bugging you a piece of your mind, as it may be your last piece. - see Proverbs 15:1

CLAIMING:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." - Philippians 4:13.

- God has given us HIS WORD to claim for all circumstances including times of being *BUGGED*.
 - We can remain calm, we can keep from blowing our tops by remembering and claiming Scripture passages of assurance.



CALLING:

"... the Lord rebuke thee." - Jude 9

- Read the passage and see where the mighty archangel, Michael, depended on the LORD and not on himself to defeat Satan. Recognize the fact that the one bugging you is being prodded by our unseen enemy, the devil himself. See Ephesians 6:12.
 - One can bottle up his or her anger and become walking time bombs. See Psalm 32:3.
- The LORD wants us to unload our burdens on HIM - 1 Peter 5:7.

CONSIDERATION:

"For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, least ye be wearied and faint in your minds." - Hebrews 12:3.

- Consider the fact that our LORD set the example, and that we who are saved are to emulate HIM - John 13:16.
- Consider the fact that we are to glorify our LORD in all things, even in our response to the one bugging us - 1 Cor. 10:31.

CURE:

"In everything by prayer . . ." - Philippians 4:6.

- Everything? Yes, even the one bugging you. Pray the best for that one, not the worst. Pray until the grudge wears off.

NUGGETS FOR THE NOGGIN:

- Booker T. Washington said, "I will not let any man reduce my soul to the level of hatred."
- Someone else said, "The moment I start hating a person, I become his slave. He controls me."
- Still another said, "Hating people is like burning your house down to get rid of a rat."

The sustaining Grace of God is that which God gives to you to put up with others who can't put up with you. — and that is a SVOBODA QUOTE. See 2 Cor. 12:9.

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