

Doormat

P1 (*lies on the floor*)

P2 What are you doing?

P1 I'm lying on the floor.

P2 I can see that. But why are you lying on the floor?

P1 Well, Paul says in 1 Corinthians that there is a life that God has assigned to me.

P2 Ok, but what has that got to do with you lying on the floor?

P1 Paul also says in the same passage: 'Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called'.

P2 Are you saying, you were lying down when God called you, and so now you have to continue lying down?

P1 I'm not just lying down, I'm being a doormat.

P2 A doormat?

P1 Yes, before I was a Christian I was a doormat. So I figure God wants me to keep on being a doormat. Only now I'm going to be a cheerful doormat.

P2 A cheerful doormat?

P1 Yes. Before I was a Christian I used to let people walk all over me. I hated it, but I was too scared of upsetting and annoying people. Now I'm going to keep letting people walk all over me, but when they do I'm going to be cheerful. Hopefully that will really witness to God's love.

P2 I don't think you are reading God's Word properly.

P1 Why do you say that?

P2 In that very same bible passage you spoke of from 1 Corinthians Paul also said: 'You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.'

P1 Are you saying I'm being a slave of men by being a doormat?

P2 Yes.

P1 Even if I do it cheerfully?

P2 Yes, even if you do it cheerfully. And frankly, there is no way you could 100% be a cheerful doormat. You would have to deny your God given dignity to do that.

P1 But doesn't God call us to endure being treated badly by others for the sake of the kingdom, just like Jesus did?

P2 Jesus endured being treated badly by others, but only from a position of strength and not out of fear of man. And, he only suffered according to the will of God. There were times he said no to suffering at the hands of others because that wasn't God's will.

P1 Like the time they wanted to throw Jesus off the cliff, but he walked right through them.

P2 Yes. At all times Jesus carried himself with the dignity he had as the Son of God. He was never a doormat.

P1 Wow.

P2 Now arise O (name), treasured and mighty one of God. (*person rises*)

Stand tall! ...Back straight! ...Chest out!

I declare you to be a doormat no longer.

You are Saint (name), Child of God, Victor over the Evil one, Servant of the Most Holy.

Do not fear man. Do not scurry for his approval.

Do not submit to the Evil One. You are above him in Christ.

Yes, suffer from a place of strength when God calls you to, but at all times stand tall and carry yourself with the dignity God has given you in Jesus.