



What is a limitation? It is a place of restriction, to be bound within a boundary, restrained, confined or to receive less than the whole amount of something.

How strange it seems that we by our actions, thoughts, or beliefs could possibly limit God from doing what He wants to do. How sad a position this is yet we find ourselves limiting God.

How you ask, could we have the effect of limiting God in His endeavors? There are several ways in which this can happen.

One of the ways is when we begin to think we know more than God. We begin to depend on our skills, knowledge or position saying in our hearts, I can handle this. This is pride. We have missed the fact that God must be our absolute and only source of all things. We must look to Him for everything.

Our limitations of God cause us to lose hope. Then we stop expecting and trusting Him to move in our situation. But, when we take the limitations off Him hope, faith and trust that He will move in our behalf are restored.

Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me"*. This strengthening is God in us, flowing to us His abilities, His thoughts, His ways, His concepts, ideas, and insights. A life lived by His anointing, His giftings, His grace is where we find a life of "limitlessness"!

Another limitation is our busyness. Our inability to find a quiet place so we can *"Be still and know that He is God"* Psalm 46:10. The level of ambient noise we live with everyday makes it hard to find a place in which we can be still and listen for the voice of God. That voice by which we have our being, hear His instructions, His corrections, and experience His love. This place, we each must find and secure daily in order to live a life of victory.

There are many limits we put on God but this is a major one. It is letting the world system define who you are based on their criteria, their concept of what is good and acceptable. We accept the limitations from the world without question. We have developed a "herd" mentality, just going with the flow, don't rock the boat, just follow the rest over the cliff. God wants us to be powerful, free and unlimited. Only God can give us our true identity, define who we are, what we have, who we can be and where we will go.

Another limitation is we do not "remember" what God has done for us. The nation of Israel committed this act over and over again. I believe that many times we do the same. *Psalm 78:41, 42 "Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. 42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy"*. We must remember and share with others about His love, His goodness and how He has brought us through, healed us, delivered us and took care of us every time. Jesus Himself told us in regards to the communion table, "Do this in remembrance" of Me. Why is it so important to remember what Jesus has done? It builds our faith and trust in Him. And that if He has done it before He will do it again. In Revelation 19:11b we find these words, *"for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy"*. When we testify of what Jesus has done it creates an atmosphere for Jesus to do it again. He is no respecter of persons. If He did it for us, He will do it for another. When we do not remember we limit Him in our lives.

Is there anything too hard for God? We serve a big God, yet we limit Him by our small thinking. What image of God do you have on the inside of you. Is your picture of God one who can handle any situation. Can He really bring about the dream in your heart. Can he heal your body, save your family? Yes, God can. Another part of small thinking is when we choke on His blessings. Thinking they are too big, I don't deserve to be that blessed. Well that is exactly right - you do not deserve to be blessed but God loves you and wants to bless you.

I would be remiss not to mention the main cause of our limiting God is fear. When God asks of us to do something, our response is usually from fear. Our minds begin to examine and analyze the "what ifs" of God's request. And then of course our comfortableness and security come into play also. Then lastly the "unknown" aspect of the request. We then rationalize our "excuse" list why it just will not work, all based in fear. The limitation of fear is based in a lack of relationship and commitment to God. We limit Him because we really do not trust and believe He can take care of all the issues and unknowns of His request. When we doubt we limit God. We are telling God that we do not believe that He can direct our steps, supply our needs, heal our bodies, save our children. He is just not big enough. We now become the limited ones, doing without what God wants to get to us, if we would just believe and trust Him.

A few more limitations we battle are, deception causing error and wrong beliefs. Distractions which keep us from God and the knowledge of His will in our lives. To know God and His will we must know His Word. And lastly, speaking negatively over our lives instead of speaking God's Word produces a definite limitation.

A simple key to dealing with our limiting God is always keep Him number one. John 8:31,32 *"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"*. Being free in God is to live without limitation on yourself or projected on God. In consistency lies the power.

Let's close with this scripture. Ephesians 3:16-20

*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

God is able - this one statement should remove from our thinking, our actions and our beliefs any idea that God is limited in any way. And we choose to stop putting our limitations on Him.

### PRAISE REPORTS - TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY

<p>His legs were a mess. Itching and bleeding - Since coming to church the itching, the bleeding has stopped and the legs are almost cleared up.</p>	<p>The diagnosis was lung cancer. God had different ideas - After prayer and agreement the doctor says it is in total remission. We know who did this.</p>	<p>We recently prayed for 2 twin 4 yr old boys with autism. This Christmas for the first time they knew what was in their packages, and knew how to play with their new toys.</p>
<p>A man was in our service had neck problems for about 8 years. He had suffered with stiffness and cracking in his neck. He was healed in the service, but he did not feel anything. The next morning he got up and noticed his neck was completely healed.</p>	<p>After praise and worship we prayed for one lady and the heat of God covered her ear and touched her jaw - she was healed</p>	<p>A young woman who recently had a complete hysterectomy and they thought she had cancer. After an MRI she is cancer free.</p>



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