

Cancel Culture, an Old Tactic



Cancel culture is alive and well in America today.

If you dare to disagree with whatever “they” deem to be acceptable thinking on a topic or issue, the mob gangs up and cancels you – your social media presence, your job or business, whatever it is that is important to you and your livelihood. You’re now a cancel culture victim.

We see it on both sides of the political aisle, as people and companies are boycotted by those who disagree with them, all with the intent of destroying reputations, social status, and finances.

This ultimate rejection isn’t new. It’s an old tactic that’s

been around a long time.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

John 10:10 Amplified

Satan is the original cancel culture maven. He wants you to fail, so he will do all he can to discourage you, steal your blessings of peace and joy, kill your relationship with God, and destroy your life's purpose and calling. In short, his desire is to cancel every Christ-follower.

How do we recognize our enemy? Let's look at a few of his tactics.

Sometimes the voice of rejection that is shouting the loudest in my head is my own voice.

What? How could this be? Well, think about what you're filling your head with. What thoughts are taking up the precious real estate in your brain, as Dr. Caroline Leaf is fond of saying.

First, the enemy plants a negative thought in our minds, and before we know it, we've not questioned whether it's true or not, but we've accepted it as true, and we let its poison have free rein in our minds.

For instance, after years of believing that God would equip me to do what He was calling me to do, the thought popped into my head that that wouldn't be true for me any longer. What God was calling me to do in this next phase of life was just too big for me to do, too audacious.

Who was Just Little Old Me to think that God would take the

time to equip me to do this? I chewed on that thought, I hate to admit, for months, and my faith plummeted. I felt stuck, depressed, and lethargic. I wasted a lot of time in the doldrums by letting those thoughts run unchecked through my brain.

Another problem is the voice of comparison.

I don't have to look very far to find those doing similar work as I am who are

- smarter
- younger
- better connected
- more resourceful
- prettier

By the time I've made it to the bottom of that list, I've forgotten all about the calling on my life and how God has equipped me in the past.

But God hasn't.

Finally, I started listening to the right voice in my head. The voice of the Holy Spirit who reminded me that I can do all things God wants me to do "through Christ who strengthens me."

I stopped giving the negative voice in my head so much real estate and started thinking God's thoughts. I realized that Satan was trying to cancel God's purpose and plans for me in this next phase of life, but that on the cross God had already canceled Satan's hold on my life. I just needed to believe it.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception [pseudo-intellectual babble] according to the traditions [and musings] of mere men, following the

elementary principles of this world, rather than following [the truth – the teachings of] Christ.

Colossians 2:8 Amplified

If we didn't have a choice in the matter, God would have never told us to "see to it." It's **my choice** what I think and what I believe. Don't let Satan push the cancel button on your calling.

See to it that you find it and live it out.

How about you? What is the enemy trying to cancel in your life right now? And what do you need to do to cancel him? Let me know in the comments below.