

## IS IT A BLESSING OR BURDEN?

"When you do not see something as a blessing, you will never enjoy it as a blessing!" This is one of the most important lessons I learned in my life! I realize that this is true for everything in our lives: in the way we see God, our spouse, our authorities, our children, our jobs, our businesses and, even, our country.

When you do not see God as a blessing, you will see all His laws as a burden. When you do not see your spouse as a blessing, you will question his/her ways and doubt his/her intentions. When you do not see your job as a blessing, you will not do what is necessary to make it work. When you do not see your country as a blessing, you will want to leave it to find a better future elsewhere.

But who decides whether something is a blessing or not? You, and only you!

When you see your spouse as a blessing you will be more accepting of his or her flaws and will be happy to fill up what he or she lacks. But if you do not, you will see his or her flaws as a "thorn in your flesh." When you see your business as a blessing you will look at the problems that come your way as opportunities to improve it. But if you do not, you will see them as a curse from the Lord.

But who decides that something is a blessing or a curse? When I was explaining this to my daughter she said, "Perception lang pala, Papa, 'no?'" I said, "Yes, it is! Perception lang. Pero the problem with perception is that it is the reality to the person who perceives."

I realized that we have the power to make our lives excitingly good by just having a better perspective toward the things we have in our lives. I learned that everything we have was given by God to make us fruitful. Kaso lang when we choose to see them as burdens, we will never enjoy them as blessings.