

## The Letter “Z”

The other night my youngest son came to me and said he needed help. So I went with him to the table to see what it was he needed help with. There at the table was a piece of notebook paper with the letter ‘Z’ written on it in several places. It was a very rough interpretation of the letter ‘Z’, and that is why he wanted my help. So I sat down and wrote the letter ‘Z’ at the head of each line on the notebook paper for him to copy, a pattern for him to follow, and then I instructed him to copy the letters that I had drawn. And you know what he said? “I can’t.” I assured him that he could. But his emphatic reply was that he “can’t”. This went on for a while, and then I realized that it is not that he can’t, but rather he “won’t”. He is perfectly capable of writing the letter ‘Z’ next to the ones that I wrote for him to copy, he just “won’t” do it. It was then that God revealed to me that in my walk with Jesus, in my putting on the new man, in the area of holiness, it is not that “I can’t”, but rather that “I won’t”. I repented right there that very moment, and deliverance came that night.

God has provided “the pattern” to follow in the life of His Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ there is the power to walk in newness of life, there is freedom from sin, there is freedom from the flesh and carnality and the laws of sin and death. In Jesus there is holiness, there is victory, there is unity and oneness. All things are in Him. My part is to be willing. It’s not a matter of “can’t” but a matter of “won’t”. So I sat down again with my son, and I drew a great big dot to dot of the letter “Z” for him. And together we drew that letter, one line at a time. Then we decorated that “Z” until it was the fanciest letter on the page. That night God and I sat down and worked on my “Z”. We’re not finished decorating it yet, but it’s going to be the fanciest letter on my page. How’s your “Z”?

The new man is in the house, let Him out. Let Him shout. Let the new man out.

Your brother in Christ,  
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