5. The Principle of Ownership

Ownership is based on an understanding of the purposes for which God designed specific items and relationships. For example, He designed clothing for modesty, protection, identification of the sexes, and symbolism. When we dedicate all our possessions and relationships to God, we are saying that we are placing them under His control and that we will use them according to His designed purposes. With ownership, we must also give our rights and expectations to God. We will then be able to conquer the cause of anger, worry, and irritations.

HOW TO TRANSFORM IRRITATIONS



What Ownership Means

The principle of ownership is illustrated in the account of Abraham's dedicating his son Isaac to God in Genesis 22. What he did with Isaac, we must do with all of our possessions and objects of affection. Abraham placed Isaac on the altar. When he raised the knife in obedience to God and God saw that the transfer was clean and complete, God worked through Isaac as a "living sacrifice" and through his descendants to accomplish His mighty purposes in the earth. (See Romans 12:1–2.)

TRANSFORMING IRRITATIONS GOD Matthew 5:3–12 Galatians 5:22–23 THANK GOD I Thessalonians 5:18 *Galatians* 5:22–23 I PETER 2:18-24 YOU **IRRITATION** "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" (I Peter 2:23).

REMOVING THE CAUSE OF ANGER

1	Meekness "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus Who made himself of no reputation" (Philippians 2:5–8).
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"... If any man will come after me, let him deny himself..." (Luke 9:23).