

HAVING GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

It can be very discouraging when we see sinful people appear to be blessed more than the righteous.

But if we grumble or complain about that, we are speaking harshly against the Lord.

We need to trust that God has a plan for our lives and is working that out.

The life we have right now is the life that God has given us, we need to joyfully accept that.

God wants us to have joy, but that cannot be dependent upon our circumstances.

A lot of having joy is based on having the right perspective.

If you believe that God loves you, if you believe that He wants to work things out for you and has plans for you, then you will start to see things differently.

Satan wants to cast doubt on God's love for you.

Satan convinced Eve that God was holding out on them, that the life they were living in the garden was not good enough.

Adam and Eve sinned and the price they had to pay was high, the bill was high.

Satan wants us to take control of our lives instead of letting God have control.

Having control is a whole lot of work.

Humility and surrender is a whole lot easier than taking control and trying to work it out ourselves.

Joy will draw people in a whole lot better than being grumpy or negative.

The Apostle Paul saw a great miracle in Macedonia even though he was there because of negative circumstances, because of the plots of evil men.

When things seemed to be going wrong, God was still in charge!

We can't be fixed until we realize we are broke.

What is the thing that is stealing your joy?

1. Is there sin in your life? (Sin has consequences)
2. Accept what God has given us.
3. Go find your joy, look at things through God's eyes, see the positive side in everything.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Malachi 3:13-15
Jeremiah 29:11
Romans 8:28
Genesis 3:1-5
Genesis 3:17-19

Acts 20:7-12
Proverbs 20:30
Malachi 3:2-3
Proverbs 3:7