



Way of the Eagle

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CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2

God wants us to renew our minds with His Word and focus on the positive in life, instead of everything that is negative. God can give you power to see beauty in the midst of the negative events in your life, if you decide to change your perspective.

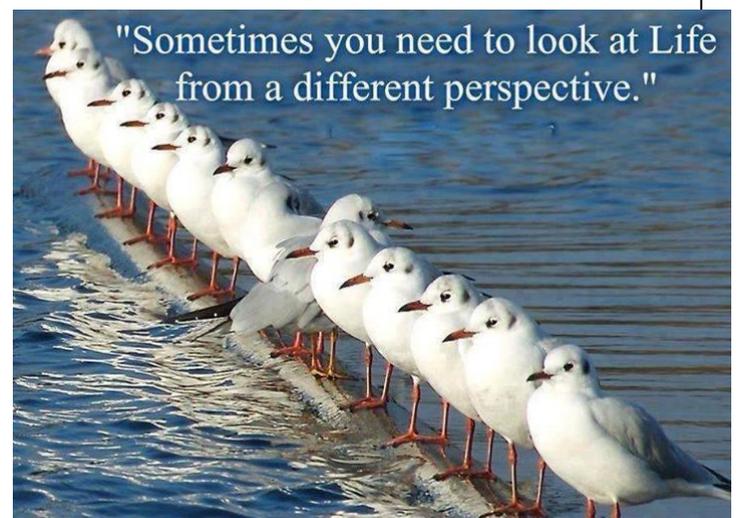
Each of us has a perspective in life to see things in a specific way: some people see all the problems and magnify them, while others magnify the positive in life, by looking for the good in life and people.

If you were to see your mind like a movie screen, what would you see? What percentage would you see that's positive and what percentage would you see that's negative? If you keep a good perspective about your life you will learn to do a spring cleaning of your mind; detoxifying your mind, which will allow only positive thoughts in your mind.

The mind is the battlefield and the devil defeats us in our mind if we take in his garbage thoughts and accept them. We need to cast down evil imaginations and thoughts and replace them with good thoughts. Far too many people wait for something good to come their way, when they should aggressively choose to do what is right, including thinking right.

There is a story of a father and a son spending time on a farm. A place where most people would consider being poor. After the trip the father asked the son what he thought about the farm and the son said: “I saw how blessed that family is: we have a pool in our garden, but they have a creek with no end; we have imported lanterns, but they have stars at night; we buy our food but they grow theirs. His father was surprised at his son's remarks. The son said: “Thanks dad for reminding me how poor we are”. The father in this story saw only what the poor people didn't have, but the son saw only what they do have.

Anyone who decides to look for the good in life cannot be defeated by circumstances.



If the news would broadcast more positive things in the world, such as people receiving miracles and hearing their spectacular testimonies, we would all end up focusing more on the positive. I'm not saying we should ignore the evil that's going on in the world and sit by passively. In those cases let's choose to bring it

before the throne of God and let's intercede for those circumstances and people, even in our own lives. We need to see God's supernatural action to turn things around for the better.

Next time when someone says how the world is in such a mess say something like this: "Yes the world is in a deep mess, but I believe God has a plan for His people". Put on God's glasses and see life through His lenses.

Jesus teaches us to be positive about the problems in our lives. He said that He overcame the world ([John 16:33](#)). When Jesus was in the boat the disciples saw the storm instead of looking at and having faith in Him. We see problems, but Jesus sees possibilities; we see messes but He sees miracle potential; we see endings but He sees new beginnings; we see pain and pressure, but He sees spiritual growth.

A lot of people ask this question: "Doesn't God mind why the world is in such a mess?" Yes of course He does and He not only has a plan for society in general but also for each of us individually. Hang on to this biblical truth and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

In [Exodus 8:21-22](#) God sent a swarm of flies against the Egyptians, but God made a distinction between the livestock of Egypt and the livestock of Israel. He then declared that nothing belonging to Israel would die ([Exodus 9:4](#)). When the whole land of Egypt was struck with hail, the land of Goshen where the Israelites dwelled, God spared them from hail. When the darkness covered the earth and the people could not get out of bed for 3 days, all the Israelites had natural light ([Exodus 10:23](#)). The Israelites perspective was they relied on God. The Egyptians perspective was they relied on false gods. Two different outcomes. So what is your perspective?

Your God-centered perspective on life can give you joy in the midst of what others would consider agony. Our attitudes can help us make it easier or harder; as it is up to us what we choose. God has a good plan for His people and we should speak and behave knowing that He does. Let's learn to have His perspective. If I'm in a bad mood I need a perspective adjustment. I need to look at what I have instead of looking at what I don't have. And also, look at what people do for me, instead of what they don't do for me. Our perspectives on anything especially on people and events we don't like have a long range effect. How we view events that took place as far back as our childhood, may still affect us in a negative manner. If you still resent your parents for mistreating you instead of protecting and nurturing you, you have a wound in your soul that is not healing. If you're dealing with a broken heart or wounded soul ask God for His healing help to change your perspective and your current feelings. If you're willing to change the way you've viewed the situation you'll begin to make progress towards wholeness instead of remaining broken. Life can break us one way or another and it's up to us whether we remain broken and bitter or if we'll let God make us better and more powerful.

Don't remain stuck in a painful place when God is offering you healing. We can't do anything about our past but we can do a great deal about our future. It is never too late for a new beginning. Remain a prisoner of hope in difficult times.

"Return to the stronghold (of security and prosperity), you prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will restore double your former prosperity to you." Zechariah 9:12