

Message Notes

How to Set Yourself Up for Success

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The Law of _____ - we tend to _____
_____ what we _____

Two Basic Philosophies of Life

1) Living by _____

2) Living by _____

This is not a message about _____

This is a message about _____ - an attitude of
_____ in God

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine (Goliath), they were dismayed and greatly afraid. 1 Samuel 17:11 NKJV

32 Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." (v. 32)

37 Moreover David said, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” (v.37)

The Benefits of Expecting the BEST from God

1. Expecting God’s best _____ God

46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s, and He will give you into our hands.” (vv. 46,47)

2. Expecting God’s best _____ my _____

48 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. (vv. 48,49)

**Remember this: Don’t ever use _____
as an excuse.**

3. Expecting God's best _____ other people

51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. (v.51)

52 Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. (v. 52a)

What if your personality is just “naturally” pessimistic?

How to Increase Your Expectation of God's Best

1. Separate your _____ from your _____

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NKJV

2. Start your day with _____, not _____

*3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD;
In the morning I will direct it to You,
And I will look up. Psalm 5:3 NKJV*

3. Look for something _____ in everyone/everything

28 *You light a lamp for me.*

The LORD, my God, lights up my darkness.

29 *In your strength I can crush an army;*

with my God I can scale any wall. Psalm 18:28,29 NKJV

13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 NKJV*

4. Watch your _____

29 *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for*

necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. Ephesians 4:29

NKJV

5. Associate with _____ and do your best to avoid _____

33 *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*

1 *Corinthians 15:33 NIV*

6. When you pray, _____

And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have already heard Me." John 11:41b Ph