

Two Profound Visions

What attitude do you expect from people who say, "God is in charge. People are selfish both by accident and on purpose. Judgment is coming, and we keep resisting God?" Can you believe that the attitude is hope?

Scripture(s): Romans 11:12-16

Remember this - Trusting in a truly good God who is truly in charge changes _____.

I. The first pair of expectations that Paul shares that shows us what a God-trusting heart looks like is Paul's two _____. It is the hope of the God-trusting heart that our successful witness will speak to the _____-hearted too.

II. The second pair of expectations that Paul shares that shows us what a God-trusting heart looks like is Paul saw two amazing _____. The God-trusting heart believes in both the possibility of God working today and the certainty of God's promises fulfilled _____.

Ezekiel 37:4-6; 11-14 4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. 6 I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.'" ... 11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. 14 I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."

III. The third pair of expectations that Paul shares that shows us what a God-trusting heart looks like is Paul uses two pictures of _____. The God-trusting heart persistently believes that what God has begun He will _____.

Numbers 15:18-20 18 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land where I bring you, 19 then it shall be, that when you eat of the food of the land, you shall lift up an offering to the LORD. 20 Of the first of your dough you shall lift up a cake as an offering; as the offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up.

Philippians 1:3-6 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Our challenge: Be intentional about nurturing a God-trusting _____.

1. If we don't believe that God will use us, what does that _____?
2. If the change of our attitude is shaky, what should we _____?
3. When we become discouraged or negative to what _____ do we need turn?

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