



Why?

the constant expectation of good

**The belief system behind
“I’m going to get mine”**

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

- Genesis 3:1-4

38 "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."39 But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

- Hebrews 10:38-39

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

- Psalm 27:13(NKJV)

**Embracing the discipline of
ascribing greatness to God**

7 That day David first appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the Lord **in this manner**:. . . 28 **Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, 29 ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.** Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

- 1 Chronicles 16:7, 28-29

9 Be merciful to me, Lord, for **I am in distress**; my eyes grow **weak with sorrow**, my soul and body with grief. 10 My **life is consumed by anguish** and my years by groaning; my **strength fails because of my affliction**, and my bones grow weak. 11 Because of all my enemies, **I am the utter contempt of my neighbors** and **an object of dread to my closest friends**— those who see me on the street flee from me. 12 **I am forgotten as though I were dead**; I have become like broken pottery. 13 For I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side!” **They conspire against me and plot to take my life.**

- Psalm 31:9-13

14 But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hands; 19 **How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you.** 20 In the shelter of your presence you hide them from all human intrigues; you keep them safe in your dwelling from accusing tongues.

- Psalm 31:14-20

Use your sanctified imagination

Now to him who is **able to do immeasurably more** than **all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

- **Ephesians 3:20-21**

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” the things God has prepared for those who love him—10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Ask questions

**Is there anything you
want me to remember?**

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you all things** and **will remind you of everything I have said to you.**

- John 14:26

**Is there some wisdom
you want me to learn?**

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will **guide you into all the truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- **John 16:13**

**Is there an aspect of your
nature you want me to
understand?**

14 He will glorify me because it is **from me** that **he will receive what he will make known to you**. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

- John 16:14-15



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