

JOYFUL, GENEROUS, AND HOPEFUL

How can we have a joyful, generous, and hopeful 2024?

BELIEFS result in CHOICES, which lead to ACTIONS, which form HABITS.

- ❖ We live Joyfully by KEEPING the RIGHT perspective.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

- ❖ We live Generously by HOLDING THINGS LOOSELY.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:37-38 (NIV)

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

- ❖ We live Hopefully by COUNTING ON GOD TO COME THROUGH.

"Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face."

Job 13:15 (NIV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)