

Relationship Status
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Psalm 19:7-8 “The Law of the LORD is Perfect, Reviving the soul.
The Statutes of the LORD are Trustworthy, making wise the simple.
The Precepts of the LORD are Right, giving Joy to the heart.
The Commands of the LORD are Radiant, giving light to the eyes.”

Romans 6:21-23 “What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, The benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1 Peter 2:12 (NIV) “Live such good lives among the pagans that, even though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

1 Corinthians 2:11 “No one can know what anyone else thinks except the person alone, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. And God has actually given us His Spirit (not the world’s spirit) so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.”

Romans 8:9 “But you are not controlled by you sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the spirit of the Spirit of God living in you.”

I. REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE UNFAIRLY TREATED.

1. Life isn't FAIR.
2. What happens IN you is more important than what happens TO you.
 - A. “Forgiveness is a response that I CHOOSE.”
 - B. “Forgiveness is not just a journey, but a FIGHT.”
 - C. God’s greatest PURPOSES are often attached to our greatest DEFEATS!
Genesis 50:20 “...You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...”
Ephesians 4:31 “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice”
3. God is WATCHING to see what we will do.

1 Peter 2:19-20 “For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.”
4. Live with a REDEMPITIVE view that accepts the full scope of our human nature.
 - A. Forgiveness changes our status from VICTIM to VICTOR.