

Choices Part 7

Choose the right perspective

- The way you see God;
 - The way you see The Word;
 - Impacts the way you walk
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- Do we have a perspective that allows us to believe? Or
 - Do we have a perspective that will cause you to walk in the desert and blame God

Perspective

- A particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view.
- *Synonyms:* outlook, stand, stance, angle, attitude, frame of mind, approach, interpretation

Our perspective shapes our confessions which greatly affects our walk

Numbers 13:25-14:10 (AMP)

- If our perspective is off,
- If our perspective is wrong,
- We will not walk in a way that pleases Him.
 - Our perspective changes everything
 - One person's perspective causes them to do something that maybe you only dream of while another person's perspective causes someone else to wander why they think the way they think.

Point 1

- Perspective, like habits, can have huge impacts upon our lives.
 - Perspective is seen in your "faith"
- Perspective, a wrong one, causes us from being to about to enter the promise land to wandering in a dessert for 40 years and never entering the promise land. (Forgiveness was there, consequence for not trusting God, well that was there too)
- Perspective, a wrong one, will cause us to not give what we do have out of fear that what we have will be better than what He can do, and that has the potential to cause us to miss out of the blessings, the miracles, of God.

Point 2

- Pour out what you have so He can pour out what He has

We must choose to release what we want to hold on to, so that He can do what is on His heart

- Scripture tells us that **WITHOUT faith, in Him**, it is impossible to please Him AND He rewards those that seek Him – **where does this faith come from**
 - **Romans 10:17 (AMP)** - So faith *(persuasion, or one could say “perspective” – my commentary)* comes from hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the [preaching of the] message concerning Christ.

Hebrews 11:6 (NASB Strong's)

And without faith it is **impossible** to please Him, for he who comes to God **must believe** that He is and that **He is a rewarder of those who seek Him**.

- **Seek** – in order to find, to diligently look for something (in this case God)
- **Without faith** - to move outside of something, like outside the city limits (city limits of faith)
- **Reward** – to pay wages (financially) so those that want to say God isn't to all this money stuff is just plain wrong. Does that mean every time

It's hard to get a wrong perspective if you live in the city limits of faith, but as soon as you get outside the city limit...

It's hard to get outside the city limit of faith when one is diligently seeking, in fact seeking in such a way that one does not give up until they get what they are looking for

Let's see what this verse DID NOT SAY (Things God never said)

I am moved by your need!

- He didn't say that here and He didn't that say anywhere in His Word
 - What He did say here and many other places is this “I move based upon your faith”
- No faith, no movement
- Faith, in Him, He moves for us

He wants you to bring what you have now not what you want Him to give you

- I wonder if we ask for things so that we don't have to give what we have because if we pour out what He has already given us it will require us to trust Him.
- To have faith in Him is to be so persuaded that no matter how it looks if He says give, we say “yes sir” and “when”

Point 3

- The right perspective in who God is allows Him to work in your life

1 Kings 17:12-16 (NASB Strong's)

But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, **that we may eat it and die.**” 13 Then Elijah said to her, “**Do not fear;** go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel, ‘The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.’” 15 **So she went and did** according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through Elijah.

- Her first response was to look at what she had
- Her second response (which is where you must choose to get to) was to respond according to what had been spoken.

2 Kings 4:42-44 (AMP)

42 [At another time] a man from Baal-shalisha came and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of grain [in the husk] in his sack. And Elisha said, give to the men that they may eat.

43 His servant said, **how am I to set [only] this** before a hundred [hungry] men? He said, give to the men that they may eat. For thus says the Lord: They shall be fed and have some left. 44 So he set it before them, and they ate and left some, as the Lord had said.

- His first response was to look at what he had
- His second response was to respond to the Word

John 6:1-14 (AMP)

- Their first response, look at what we have (meaning look at what we don't have)
- Their second response, give to Jesus was they did have, when Jesus asked for it
- Their third response, to go and do as He responded.
 - So many believers don't to the second thing – bring to Him what we do have – we seem to think that our little hinders what God can do
 - God can do just as much with little as He can do with much
 - If you never give, if you never try, if you never take the shot, you will never score the goal
 - Once it was given to Jesus when did the food multiple?
 - When the disciples took, what was blessed and did as He said – now what would have happened if they looked at the “meal” and then said “He’s officially lost it”. “He wants us to give this food to all these people.” “NO WAY” and then just walked away.
 - The people wouldn't have been feed physically and there would be no miracle
 - Faith was in operation, but it started with a right perspective