

## You Are On A Journey, Choose A Path



You need a pathway through life's obstacles, through the deadness of "dry soil", and through the burdens of life. We all search for meaning in life; everyone is on this journey. Are you trying to find your way to the good life, a life of "Living Water" (John 4:10)? There is but one way!

You too can come to know Christ; the God Jesus who has already given you a precious gift you cannot buy nor work for nor do you even deserve such a gift (none of us do). All you need to do is receive Jesus in your heart and accept Him as your personal LORD and Savior. Only the peace of God that passes all understanding can remove the obstacles in your life. This is done by changing your heart and your mind in Christ (Philippians 4:7). The more you fight against Jesus, reject God and worship at the altar of the world's "stuff god", the more you will desire and strive for what the world is selling. It is a dead-ended killer. You will not have peace! You actually will increase the obstacles in your life's path if you strive for what our culture is selling. There is only one path to destruction and only one path to wholeness and peace.

## God Wants A Relationship With You

Maybe we'll learn one day! Through undeserved grace, in God's effort to finally reach us again, God sent His Son Jesus to show us the way back to the loving Father. A loving God running with arms open wide ready to celebrate your return as did the father [God] in the parable of the "Two Sons" [sometimes known as the "Prodigal Son"] (Luke 15:11-32). As in that parable, God will bring the best clothes, the best shoes, and serve up a great banquet in a mansion for those that turn back to Him. God wants good for you and for you to have an easy life in relationship with Him! We need nothing else, but ask ourselves, have we repented [turned] and changed from our evil arrogant selfish ways? If you feel like doing so, tell your Creator Father that you want and desire a rebirth into the fullness of relationship; stop hiding from God (Gen 3:8), step out, ask for forgiveness and embrace your Creator God who is standing (Gen 3:9) with open arms just for you!



You have to love a God who wants the best for you; therefore, you cannot hate yourself. If you hate yourself and think you are of no value, then you are in affect saying God doesn't know you and that you then are more knowledgeable than God. Sounds like a reverse arrogance to me! You are a lovable person of tremendous value!

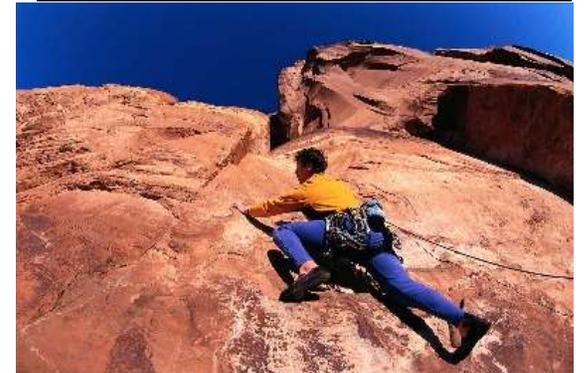
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# WAYS

# TO CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE

## Do You Have Mountains of Obstacles?



There once was a Governor named Zechariah who was charged with rebuilding the LORD's Temple. He had no money and little materials, plus nations trying to stop him, and unskilled grumbling workmen trying to do the work. Anyone would call these massive obstacles to try to climb over. God told him those great "obstacle mountains" would become like a flat plain (Zech. 4:7). Just put your faith in God. Even Jesus before His obstacle of the cross, put His trust in the Father...let not My will but Thy will be done (Luke 22:42).

## Your Attitude Controls You, Don't Let It



Working through a problem is not about “not having any problems”...it is about not letting the problems control YOU, but you control the problem! Attitude! Problems are opportunities to excel in something, to have achievement and reach innovative solutions. Problems are not to be feared, but to be conquered!

Your attitude should be about choosing to focus on what is right and good in your life! I have VERY good news for you...you are created by God to do amazing things, and you have already been granted the God-given abilities to create for yourself a most creative attitude!

## Yes, You Can Change Your Perspective

You need to reflect on that children's story about the little engine that could...“I think I can, I think I can”. Don't give in to “the deceiver” who will make you think as “Chicken Little” and your sky is falling. God created for you the ability to change by just “thinking you can”. A positive outlook changes not only you, but those around you, which in turn reinforces the positive change in you again. This is real power and not just some silly kid's game! Can you walk on water? Peter didn't think so until he desired to be close to Jesus. Only when Peter lost focus on Christ did he sink down (Matt.14:31). Think that you CAN do it, then do it. If you start to sink down into the seas of a crazy day, re-gain your focus on Christ Jesus, and walk again in the Glory of the LORD who too will hold your hand.

## Choose The Easy Yoke For Yourself

Your attitude has only two ways to go...one way is positive and one way is negative...it is a matter of choice, not circumstance. You can choose to become a better person. Jesus says to choose His yoke and burden and He will make things easy and light for you (Matt 11:28-30). In reflection of your position on life's path, you can determine whether you are growing strong and upright or not. Strong growth is about reflection and a matter of your perspective and the viewing of contrasts in your life.

The New York Times best-selling author, Andy Andrews, in his book “The Noticer”, speaks about how to make a change in your life by changing your perspective. Mr. Andrews talks about the storms in your life and that they may just be the best thing for your growth; it is about perspective. He notes that perspective leads to calm, which leads to clear thinking, which in turn leads to ideas, which leads to answers.



## You Need To Broaden Your Vision



Look deep enough and you'll find that a loving open, non-controlling relationship is sought by all, because God also wants the same. We find this to be “a God part” left within us by our Creator. As the architect leaves part of themselves behind in their architecture, so too, God longingly wishes for us to return to Him as was first planned and noted at the original creation, where God said, “it is good”. To walk in the Garden of Eden with God...it just doesn't get any better than that, but we simply don't have the vision of our Creator...yet. We have only incomplete vision at this time. This where attitude comes into play; you must realize that your negative attitude is caused by your “nearsightedness”...you simply cannot see the vision God has in store for your life. So you must turn things over to God and have faith...faith that will move mountains if you will only believe!

A Centurion's servant was paralyzed at home; the Centurion asked Jesus to heal him. The Centurion's vision of who Jesus was gave him the faith to know that Jesus only needed to say the word and the servant would be healed, no laying on of hands would be necessary (Matt. 8:5-13).



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