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BELIEVE IN GOD



KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL LIFE (KEY 12)

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Sometimes life throws us some curve balls. Sometimes we face things that we thought we would never need to face. Sometimes we may wonder where God is and question if He is still around or if He has abandoned us. We can never afford to lose our belief, faith and confidence in God. Believing God in the face of impossible or unlikely situations is part of our walk of faith. Never throw away your confidence in God. BELIEVE IN GOD!

BELIEVING IN GOD NO MATTER WHAT!

Things happen in the course of life. There is not much we can do about this. When storms or challenges come across our paths it tends to undermine or erode our belief and confidence in God. Many people do not follow God because, in their opinion, He has let them down or not delivered on their expectations. The challenge is not to dispose of your faith and confidence just because circumstances seem to be opposed. Many of the great people of the Bible were at some stage challenged to believe God in the face of circumstances that looked entirely opposed to what they thought that they should be. We will only experience real victory when we can trust and believe in God in spite of what is going on around us.





BELIEVING GOD WHEN THINGS SEEM IMPOSSIBLE!

There comes to each one of us those situations that seem impossible. Situations that cannot be resolved by human means. Imagine a person has contracted severe and aggressive cancer. As they get to the point where there is no human solution, they get to the place of impossibility, humanly speaking, for the situation to be resolved. This is the point at which we discover we are up against the impossible. It may not be a health issue. It may simply mean you are facing an impossible situation, in which you

can do nothing to change or bring about change. Even in these situations we need to trust and believe. Trusting in the impossible requires a miracle from God. This is perhaps one of the highest forms of trust and I believe that God honours those who trust Him in this way.

BELIEVING GOD WHEN IT SEEMS UNLIKELY!

This is perhaps the most difficult aspect to handle. It is one thing to trust and believe in God when things seem impossible because in the impossible you know you need an outright miracle. Trusting when things seem unlikely may imply that there is something you need to do?



I have found it is when people are dealing with this aspect of their belief in God that it is the easiest to get to a point of discouragement and despair. If you are facing a situation that seems unlikely, I want to encourage you to hold on and not give in to despair or disbelief. God loves to work in situations that seem unlikely. I have discovered that God uses the unlikely and I have seen some of the greatest change in the lives of those who were facing what seemed like the most unlikely situations or circumstances.



BELIEVING IN GOD WHEN NOTHING SEEMS TO CHANGE!

This is also one of those great challenges that we face from time to time. Think for a moment about Joseph. He was facing the impossible, the unlikely and a situation that seemed to have no end in sight. Eventually he ends up in jail (although he was innocent). Here he is forgotten about. Even people he had helped and been kind to just simply forgot about him. In the movie *JOSEPH - KING OF DREAMS*, there is a scene where Joseph screams from his jail cell and says: 'Tell them I am still here!' It is a powerful scene in which we see the tremendous emotion and how Joseph realises that He has been forgotten and is stuck in a situation that may never change! The issue was that the situation did change and radically at that. Joseph went from prison to the throne of Egypt in one day.



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That is just an example of how dramatically things can change and how quickly things can become completely different! If things seem like they are not going to change, it can wear us down, but we must not lose sight of the fact that as we trust God things can and will change.

BELIEVING IN GOD WHEN YOUR DREAMS ARE NOT REALISED!

This is just one more of those areas in which we need to believe God. Many people battle because of unrealised dreams. Death of a dream is one of the greatest hurdles to cross. Again Joseph is a prime example. Joseph had dramatic dreams that gave him great problems. From the moment he had the dreams things seemed to go wrong. In fact they went from bad to worse and then still that was only the beginning of the battles he had to face. However, he kept the dream alive in his heart even though there was no reason to believe God or the dream that he had been given. The end result was that the dreams came true and became a reality. I once read a quote that said: 'THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS'. Your dreams are something special. They do not guarantee that things will go smoothly, but they give us something to focus on, on the way there! Don't let go of the dreams that God has placed in your heart. Hold onto those dreams and continue to believe God!



BELIEVING GOD BRINGS RESULTS!

As we trust God and believe, even though we may be facing impossible, unlikely or changeless situations, God is still in control. He is able to do the impossible, perform the unlikely, change the situations that never seem to change and make dreams reality. Imagine if Joseph had given up somewhere along the road. Perhaps he would never have seen the miracle, the breakthrough or the reward. However, he held on even though all the signs spoke a different story and eventually the impossible happened and things changed and he and his whole family were blessed as a result! As long as you are breathing the last word has not been spoken, and things can happen and change! BELIEVE IN GOD! - It will be worth it!

BELIEVE IN GOD

BY: SEEDTIME.COM

A quick caveat here: this is written for most of us who have had lots of consumer debt, not those who find themselves with tons of debt through no fault of their own.



You can bet that the raise you are hoping to get is not going to fix your financial squeeze.

I mean even if you were making what your boss is making, it will not fix your financial squeeze.

WHY

Money

DOESN'T SOLVE MOST MONEY PROBLEMS

There is a famous principle called Parkinson's Law that essentially says that expenses rise to meet income.

So if you are having a hard time paying your bills or making a dent in your mountain of debt, more money is likely NOT your answer. I know it may sound like this is bad news, but really this is great news. This is because money problems (difficulty paying bills, paying off debt, getting into debt, difficulty saving) are most often caused by behavioural problems.

And behavioural problems can NOT be solved with money.

People seem to think that they can make their problems go away with more money, but really it just covers them up. This is apparent with all of the millionaires who file for bankruptcy. They have more money than most people can dream of, yet they also have a spending problem that is far stronger than their income.

How do you fix behavioural problems?

Well, you start by asking God for help and then begin just doing one small thing at a time. It is a lot easier to update your house by working on one room at a time than by tearing up every room all at once.





YOU CAN START BY LEARNING TO NOT SPEND MORE THAN YOU MAKE.

There are practical things that can be done to help out, but I think nothing will be more valuable than just taking a long hard look at where your money is going and asking yourself, “do I really need this?”. We say we NEED all this stuff to survive and yet 100 years ago most of it didn’t even exist (see Richer than Rockefeller for more). I think when we are honest with ourselves, we can see that a lot of our NEEDS are really just screaming, yelling, panicky WANTS.

1 TIMOTHY 6:8 PUTS THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE...

“BUT GODLINESS WITH
CONTENTMENT IS GREAT GAIN. FOR
WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THE
WORLD, AND WE CAN TAKE
NOTHING OUT OF IT. BUT IF WE
HAVE FOOD AND CLOTHING, WE
WILL BE CONTENT WITH THAT.”



I have a long way to go as I try to fight off my panicky wants daily, but that is what I am aiming for.



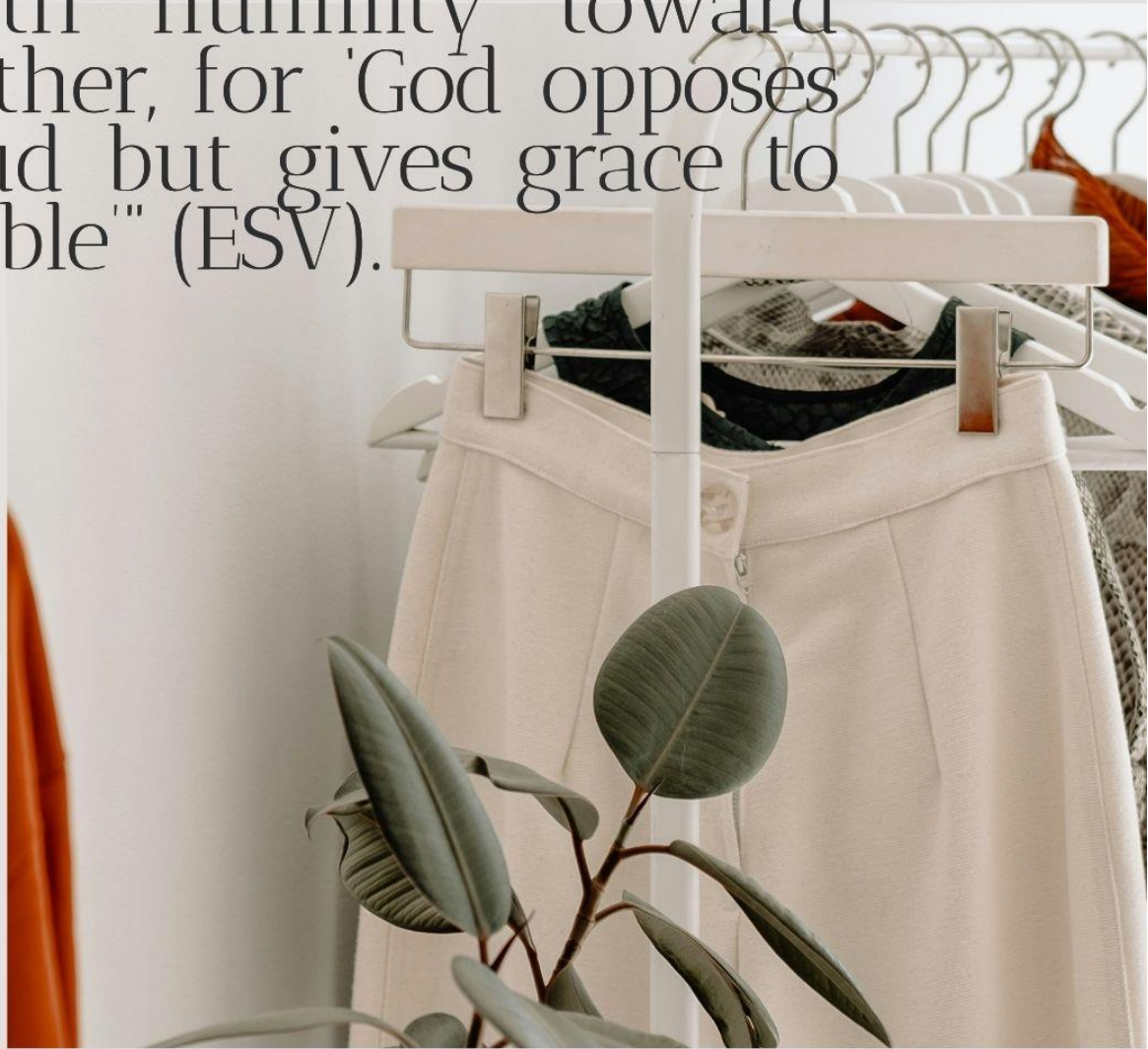
What about you?

What does it mean to

CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH (1 Peter 5:5)? HUMILITY

By: [GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org)

In 1 Peter 5:5, the apostle writes, "Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble'" (ESV).



The Greek word translated as “clothe” means “to tie round in a knot.” In other words, believers should fasten and gird themselves with humility toward one another. Humble service to one another does not mean that we are inferior to our brothers and sisters in Christ; instead, it shows our willingness to put their needs before our own (see Philippians 2:4).

To make his case for why we should serve one another in humility, Peter says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” The matter is simple: God’s grace is given to those who humble themselves before Him. This truth is also expressed in Proverbs 3:34, but in a much more pointed way: “Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor” (ESV).



In Luke 1:46–56, also known as "The Magnificat," Mary magnifies the Lord for exalting the humble and humbling the proud:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever (ESV).



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As a human, "he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8, ESV).



The unimaginable pain and suffering of His crucifixion was the ultimate example of humiliation (see Matthew 27:35).

Because of His humility, however, "God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9–11, ESV).

SO, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY?

It means, quite simply, that we adopt the same attitude or mindset as Christ. Humility, then, is more than lip service to God and others. Rather, it should exude from the wells of our spirits for the world to see: “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is heaven” (Matthew 5:16, ESV).



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