

NEW DESTINY CHRISTIAN CENTER

BIBLE STUDY LESSON: EXPECTING THE BEST

TEXT: “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJ)

INTRODUCTION: As Christians we should always see life from a positive point of view. Life will always bring challenges. The test is not always whether you can make it through the challenge, but what you learned about God while going through it. If we are going to expect the best for our lives we have to look at life from God's perspective.

INSTRUCTIONS: To complete the study, please read and follow the directions located above each point.

Match the Scriptures below with the statement that best reflects them.

I. Always look at things from an optimistic point of view.

- ◆ Expecting the best from God requires me to see the good in all that God does. 2 (Example)
 - Your expectations demands action 4
 - Your expectations influence your happiness 3
 - Your expectations influence your relationships 5
- ◆ Paul was not only talking about being content, but operating at a level of expectation that produces results. 1

1. Philippians 4:10-13
2. 1Corinthians 2:9-10
3. Philippians 4:8-9
4. James 2:14-20
5. 1Corinthians 15:33

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II. Always remember God is for you not against you.

- ◆ Expecting the best from God comes from me knowing God's got my back. 3
 - With God on your side you are always in a WIN-WIN situation. 2
 - Victory is not a position but a state of mind. 1, 4
 - Expecting the best in life starts with how you see yourself. _____

1. Proverbs :27:19
2. 1Corinthians 15:57
3. Romans 8:31
4. Proverbs 23:7

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III. Always trust God no matter what the outcome.

- ◆ Expecting the best from God requires no initial evidence only faith. 3

- Sometimes our expectations don't line up with the outcome.
 - God's thoughts and ways are higher than man's. 1
 - God is a delivery. 2
 - God's glory and our spiritual growth is the end result. 5, 6
 - Hannaniah (Shadrach) means 'Yahweh is gracious', Mischael means "Who is like Yahweh?" and Azariah means "Yahweh has helped". 4

1. Isaiah 55:8-9
2. Psalm 34:19
3. Hebrews 11:6
4. Daniel 3:8-30
5. Romans 8:28
6. 1 Peter 1:6-7

CONCLUSION: Expectation is what we as Christians live by. We expect God to give us the victory in any and every situation. He said He will never leave us or forsake us.