

6. REMEMBER YOUR _____.

"That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets."

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (NLT)

WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING GOD TO DO IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will memorize **Psalm 118:24 (ESV)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time or recommit my life to Christ
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will write down what I am expecting from God

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The Key to Pleasing God

Expecting the Best in the Worst Times

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"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

THE KEY TO PLEASING GOD IS _____.

"Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." **Ephesians 3:20 (LB)**

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." **Matthew 9:29 (NIV)**

I. WHAT IS FAITH:

FAITH IS:

1. **BELIEVING WHEN I DON'T SEE IT.**
2. _____ **WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.**
3. **GIVING WHEN I DON'T HAVE IT.**
4. **PERSISTING WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.**
5. _____ **BEFORE I RECEIVE IT.**
6. **TRUSTING IF I DON'T GET IT.**

II. TWO APPROACHES TO LIFE:

1. THE PESSIMIST..._____.

"What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me." **Job 3:25 (NIV)**

2. THE OPTIMIST..._____.

"For I live in eager expectation and hope that I will never do anything that will cause me to be ashamed of myself but that I will always be ready to speak out boldly for Christ while I am going through all these trials here, just as I have in the past; and that I will always be an honor to Christ, whether I live or whether I must die." **Philippians 1:20 (LB)**

III. HOW TO STAY OPTIMISTIC (in discouraging times):

1. START YOUR DAY WITH _____.

"In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly." **Psalms 5:3 (NIV)**

MEMORY VERSE:

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." **Psalms 118:24 (ESV)**

2. LOOK FOR THE _____ IN YOUR SITUATION.

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." **Romans 8:28 (ESV)**

3. GIVE YOUR _____ TO GOD.

"I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. And he did help us and saved us from a terrible death; yes, and we expect him to do it again and again. But you must help us too by praying for us. For much thanks and praise will go to God from you who see his wonderful answers to your prayers for our safety!" **2 Corinthians 1:8-11 (LB)**

4. ELIMINATE _____ WORDS.

"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you." **Ephesians 4:29 (GNB)**

"So also the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A great forest can be set on fire by one tiny spark." **James 3:5 (LB)**

5. ASSOCIATE WITH _____ PEOPLE.

"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers." **Psalms 1:1 (NLT)**