

2 Corinthians Chapter 4 “We Do Not Lose Heart”

The Simple Truth about Mind and Attitude: **My mind and attitude must always be guided by Spirit and Truth instead of feelings.**

•**Romans 12:2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you'll be able to test and approve what God's will is, His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

A. Make sure that our lives are filled with the _____ of the _____.

B. Personal discouragement wastes _____.

•**Genesis 1:3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

C. God is more likely to use that which is _____ and _____ for great things.

•**2Corinthians 4:10-11** We **always** carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

•**Psalms 116:10** I believed therefore I said ‘I am greatly afflicted.

•**1Peter 4:12** Dear friends, do not be surprised at the **painful trial** you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

•**John 16:33** In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have **overcome** the world.”

D. What's needed to break the power of discouragement in your life?

1. Active appreciation and involvement in _____

2. A continually dynamic _____

Luke 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart...

Discouragement is dissatisfaction with the past, distaste for the present, and distrust of the future. It is ingratitude for the blessings of yesterday, indifference to the opportunities of today, and insecurity regarding strength for tomorrow. It is unawareness of the presence of beauty, unconcern for the needs of our fellowman, and unbelief in the promises of old. It is impatience with time, immaturity of thought, and impoliteness to God. ~**William Ward**.

I will not lose heart or trust in my feelings. I will not let faithless words stay on my tongue. I will cling to His grace, and wait for his healing. Even in death I may be persecuted but not abandoned. Struck down but not destroyed. Outwardly wasting away but renewed day by day inside. For the troubles are just for a moment. And I'm confident they can't compare to the bright and eternal glory that wait for us there. So I will not lose heart.