

Foothills Reviewing Highlights Links included

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Key character quality: Alertness vs. Unawareness (Otherwise we will not do the others)

Mercies and Comfort: **Attentiveness** vs. **Unconcern Showing worth to people.**
(Delight in Mercy for the World)

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Psalms 103:4 (NKJV)

Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

The believer's authority in Christ: **Boldness** vs. **Faintheartedness**
(Delegated Authority Part 1 (Audio) Four ways to know delegated authority)

Matthew 16:23 (NKJV)

But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

God's word will not return empty: **Faith** vs. **Presumption** **Patience** vs. **Restlessness**

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Hebrews 6:12 11:1 Faith and patience to inherit the promises/Substance

If we do not have the knowledge, ask someone who does: (The Holy Spirit will use others)
Wisdom vs. **natural inclinations** **Build our knowledge base** Proverbs 24:3-4

Hosea 4:6 (NKJV)

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)

So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

Choose wisely. L.O.C. on God like Glue: Decisiveness vs. Doublemindedness

James 1:5 ask with no doubting. I Kings 18:21 Limping with two different opinions.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (RSV)

19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore **choose** life, that you and your descendants may live,
20 **loving** the LORD your God, **obeying** his voice, and **cleaving** to him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

God answers and hears: Gratefulness vs. Unthankfulness Ephesians 5:20

Isaiah 65:24 (NKJV)

"It shall come to pass That before they call, I will **answer**; And while they are still speaking, I will **hear**.

Get back up when we fall: Determination vs. Faintheartedness (There will be oppositions)

Endurance vs. Giving up

Proverbs 24:16 (NKJV)

For a righteous man may **fall seven times** And **rise again**, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

Humility: (Receive grace and be lifted up!) Humility vs. Pride Proverbs 8:13 God Hates pride. (Knowledge Puffs up Love builds up Our choice!)

James 4:6-7 (NKJV)

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But **gives grace** to the **humble**."

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:10 (NKJV)

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will **lift you up**.

Time: Availability vs. Self-Centeredness/Punctuality vs. Tardiness

Mark 4:14-20 (18-19) (Thorns = Cares, Deceitfulness of riches, things)

(Determination! Time is under attack! Two videos)

Colossians 4:5 (RSV)

Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, **making the most of the time**.

Ephesians 5:15-16 (RSV)

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

16 **making the most of the time**, because the days are evil.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

To everything there is a season, A **time** for every purpose under heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)

He has made everything **beautiful in its time**. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

Planting and Watering: (God gives the growth) Responsibility vs. Unreliability People are responsible. What is God and others expecting from us?

Cautiousness vs. Rashness Timing is necessary

(Grow in Christ Jesus! Who are believers in Christ Jesus?)

1 Corinthians 3:6-8 (RSV)

6 I planted, Apol'los watered, but God gave the growth.

7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

8 He who plants and he who waters are **equal**, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor.

Seven gifts/Seven people/Seven friends: Obedience vs. Willfulness Use what we have been given. James 1:22, John 14:21, 23 (Discover, Understand and Use your gift Videos)

Romans 12:6-8 (RSV)

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace **given to us**, let us **use them**: if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith; 7 if **service**, in our serving; he who **teaches**, in his teaching;

8 he who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; he who **contributes**, in liberality; he who **gives aid**, with zeal; he who does acts of **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

Motivational Gifts (charisma = joyous grace gift)

- ❑ The Greek root word for gift is charisma, which comes from the word char meaning, “joy”.
 - ❑ Charis is the Greek word for grace, which is God giving us both the desire and power to execute His gracious will. (See Philippians 2:13 and I Corinthians 15:10).
 - ❑ The Greek word for gift from one Bible scholar is “ma”. Therefore, we have charisma “a joyous grace gift”.
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Discussion about food, iPhones ... and temptation: Self-control vs. Self-indulgence

Galatians 5:22-23 Fruit of the Spirit (Read Colossians 3:23)

(What did Jesus do when Satan tempted Him? Copy Jesus!)

1. It is not the food or the devices... but our thinking when we are tempted.
2. Our decision must be firm before tempted.
3. One scripture mentioned to obey was Psalm 119:30.

Good memory verse. Diligence vs. Slothfulness (The Right-Thinking Focus)

Psalms 119:30 (RSV)

I have chosen the way of faithfulness, I set thy ordinances before me.

This is our example for all those in Christ: What did Jesus do when He was tempted?

1. Jesus said it is written.
 2. Jesus had portions of scripture committed to memory.
 3. He did this in His childhood and adolescence. This is what Jewish children did in His day. "A son who gathers in summer is prudent" Proverbs 10:5 Diligence vs/Slothfulness
 4. When He was tempted in the wilderness He was already prepared and very experienced with temptations from the devil.
 5. He **gathered** God's word, memorized, meditated, applied, and shared God's word. **Learn from the ant. Proverbs 6:6-8 Gather in the summer when it is easy vs. the Winter when it is difficult. Jesus did not gather in the wilderness, He already had plenty.**
 6. He quoted and obeyed what He quoted. (Not just quoted)
 7. He quoted from the book of Deuteronomy.
 8. Luke 4:4 (*Bread*) (**Deuteronomy 8:3**) Luke 4:8 (*Worship*) (**Deuteronomy 6:13**) Luke 4:12 (*Tempted the Lord*) (**Deuteronomy 6:16**)
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Here are some **food perspectives**: Jesus was feeding Himself in the wilderness because He was accomplishing His Father's work.

John 4:34 (RSV)

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work."

John 6:27 (NKJV)

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

Keep this in mind: **Discernment vs. Judgment Discover why things happen**

Mark 7:18-23 (NKJV)

18 So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him,

19 because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"

20 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

Without Jesus we can do nothing: **Humility vs. Pride James 4:6**

John 15:5 (NKJV)

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Cast all our cares on God: Obedience vs. Willfulness John 14:21,23 Isaiah 1:19

1 Peter 5:7 (AMP)

Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

Count it all joy when we fall into various trials: Flexibility vs. Resistance Rubber hose and wooden stick) (When various trials come Jesus attitude spiritual segments)

James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Emotions or feelings: Jesus wept but operated in faith. Faith vs. Presumption

2 Corinthians 5:7 Walk by faith not by sight

John 11:35-43 (NKJV)

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

37 And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

The devil vs. the unrenewed mind: Truthfulness vs. Deception Speak the truth today and people will believe you tomorrow.

Romans 8:7 (AMP)

[That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is **hostile** to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.

The remedy for the unrenewed mind: Truthfulness vs. Deception Amos 7:7-8 stay close the plumbline

Romans 12:2 (AMP)

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but **be transformed** (changed) by the [entire] **renewal of your mind** [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Deeper relationship: Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy

Mercy qualities: Attentiveness vs. Unconcern, Sensitivity vs. Callousness, Compassion vs. Indifference, Gentleness vs. Harshness.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (AMP)

So, being thus tenderly and affectionately desirous of you, we continued to share with you **not only** God's good news (the Gospel) but **also our own lives** as well, for you had become so very dear to us.

Vacations: Dependability vs. Inconsistency Orderliness vs. Disorganization.

Isaiah 21:8 (AMP)

And [the watchman] cried like a lion, O Lord, I stand continually on the **watchtower** in the **daytime**, and I am set in **my station every night**.

1. It would be wise to consider how we will communicate with the Father during vacations.
2. I do not believe that Satan and demon's sleep.
3. One person said. "We never know who is watching us." **My response**, "But God is watching them!"

Proverbs 15:3 (AMP) Gratefulness vs. Unthankfulness Ephesians 5:20

The **eyes** of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch upon the evil and the good.

The Father knows how to protect His children!

Psalms 121:7-8 (NKJV)

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Trust the Spirit of Truth: Truthfulness vs. Deception (Speak the truth today and people will believe you tomorrow.) Amos 7:7-8 stay close the plumbline (The Holy Spirit is here! Comforter, Guide, Power and Teacher)

No temptation:

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make **the way of escape**, that you may be able to bear it.

Let us trust the Holy Spirit to lead us toward this path of resilience and grace, knowing we are never alone in our struggles.

John 16:13 (NKJV)

However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

