

KEEPING COURAGE

Part 3 - Perspective Counts For A Lot

TEXT: (2 Corinthians 4:1 NKJV)

BELIEVING GOD IS WITH US HELPS US KEEP COURAGE

- David's words to Solomon were a mirror of Moses to Joshua **(1 Chronicle 28:20 NKJV)**
 1. Solomon was facing a big task but not facing it solo
 2. David knew God in a way few did in that day
- We did not get left out of this wonderful promise **(John 14:16-18 NKJV)**
 1. We have been given help - The Helper the Holy Spirit
 2. Jesus said it was to our advantage that He went away **(John 16:7 NKJV)**
 3. This promise was not limited to the disciples **(Romans 8:11 NKJV)**
(Hebrews 4:2 NKJV) (Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV)

DEVELOPING A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE HELPS US GAIN AND KEEP COURAGE

- Paul placed great emphasis on the heart (inner man) **(2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJV)**
 1. There's a whole lot of money in anti-aging. The fountain of youth
 2. But we can focus on the one part of us that does not age
- Paul had a different perspective; a spiritual perspective
 1. He called affliction light and momentary
 2. His perspective was not the way the majority of people see things
 3. Where we look impacts our heart and our courage
- Where we keep our minds (look at, perspective) makes a big difference **(Romans 8:5-6 NKJV)**
 1. We are more than just a mind (brain) and a body
 2. The most important part of us is spirit **(1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV)**
 3. To be spiritually minded
 4. Developing a more spiritual perspective is up to us not God **(Romans 12:1-2 NKJV)**