

LEVEL UP

Part 3: Our Outlook

OUR OUTLOOK ON LIFE

- A habitual or characteristic mental attitude that determines how you will interpret and respond to situations
- Three general outlooks
 1. Negative; pessimistic, tending to see things dark. Often fear based.
 2. Positive; optimistic, tending to see things on the bright side. Can be denial.
 3. Neutral; realistic, tending to see things just as they are. Limited.
- Spiritual outlook
 1. Faith based
 2. Doesn't ignore the situation but looks beyond it
 3. Based on God's word, not situational (***Romans 8:6 NKJ***)

A NEW OUTLOOK (***2 Kings 6:14-17 NKJ***)

- The servant's outlook
 1. Negative - fear based - alas or oh no
- Elisha's outlook
 1. Spiritual - faith based
 2. He was obviously looking beyond what was visible Elisha's prayer
 1. He did not pray for his servant not to be fearful
 2. He prayed for God to open his eyes that he would see beyond - what God had provided

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- Pay close attention to where you are paying close attention
 1. Where is your focus? (***Luke 11:34 NIV***)
 2. A focus on God's word, what He has said is the basis for a healthy / spiritual outlook
- If you can't change it don't carry it (***1 Peter 5:6-7 NKJ***)
 1. How much of our cares (worries) are things we can't change?
 2. And if you can change it - you are better equipped without the care
- Pray and ask God to open our eyes (***2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NKJ***)
 1. So we can see - what God has done and what's available to us
 2. How to accurately see our problems - light and momentary?
 3. How we are positioned in His Kingdom