

RAISING EXPECTATIONS

EXPECTATIONS

- A. Expectation - eager anticipation: something looked forward to, whether feared or desired
 - 1. The scriptures use the word hope: anticipation, an expectation of good
- B. Where we place our expectations
 - 1. Ourselves and other people
 - 2. Our government
 - 3. The future being better / The American way
- C. There is another realm of hope ***(Psalm 146:5 NKJV)***
 - 1. A favorable expectation about life because we have our help from God

A PICTURE OF GOD'S HOPE AND HELP (Mark 10:46-52 NKJV)

- A. Not much to expect from Bartimaeus
 - 1. Nothing indicates he was a spiritual superstar
- B. He began to cry out for Jesus as soon as he realized He was close
 - 1. He must have heard Jesus was a healer
 - 2. Must have heard that Jesus was good
- C. Bartimaeus had to overcome two things
 - 1. A sense of being unworthy
 - 2. What other people thought of him - he was warned to be quiet
- D. When Bartimaeus knew Jesus called for him
 - 1. He threw away his garment
 - 2. He believed Jesus would be good to him; help him overcome blindness

RAISING EXPECTATIONS: AN ANTICIPATION THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU

- A. Believe that God can help you ***(Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV)***
 - 1. He promised not to leave you or abandon you
 - 2. He gave you permission to say the Lord is your helper
- B. Believe God wants to help you ***(Romans 8:31-32 NKJV)***
 - 1. He is for you, not against you
 - 2. God did not spare Jesus - His very best
- C. Do not allow a sense of unworthiness to override God's goodness
 - 1. It was God's love, not our perfection, that caused Him to send Jesus
 - 2. Say what He says, believe what He says, and start expecting Him to help you