

Volume 1 – Day 24: Cultivating Our Garden of Emotions

Becoming intimate with God for the Christian is far from being automatic. The soul, the seat of our emotions, must be cultivated like a garden. And the will, the seat of our sovereign choices, must be congruent, that is equal in every way, with the Will of God. This would be living as the committed members of God's great family. When our commitment is to family, our desires and motives must be consistent with Father's desires. When we have reached that end, it will be demonstrated by our peace in the middle of carnage and devastation as we rely on Dad to handle the situation with our cooperation.

Joseph and Job are the best examples of trust in the Bible. Their lives were filled with adversity and calamity. Yet, they faced their circumstances with an assurance that God still had a noble purpose in their trouble. We must also look for the purpose of God in everything instead of trying to logically deduce the meaning of things as they apply only to ourselves. Since God sees the whole picture and everyone affected, only He can make fully informed decisions which affect the many.

Far too many are disillusioned with God. They think that He may not always give them the results they desire, and never press on to deeper faith. In order to press on to greater intimacy with God, we must trust Him completely to be doing what is best. What is the secret to pressing on? Where is the strength to be found to endure the race until the very end? Only unwavering trust in the perfection of God in all things can enable us to trust His heart and relax in His security.

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan