

IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD
Message #5 "Battling the CYNICAL Spirit"
1 Corinthians 13:7b, Survey
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Big Idea: One of the greatest attitude challenges that many believers face is the cynical spirit. The spirit that holds people in the scope of skepticism, the spirit that holds people in an attitude of distrust. That spirit will permeate our lives far more than we ever imagined, and can have a detrimental impact on every relationship of life.

SCRIPTURE'S ANSWER FOR THE CYNICAL SPIRIT

*"Love...It always protects, **always trusts**, always hopes, always perseveres." 1 Cor. 13:4-7*

STRUGGLE POINTS FOR "THINKING THE BEST OF"

1. _____ -

*"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ **to be made new in the attitude of your minds**...²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood... 'In your anger do not sin...' Eph. 4:22-32*

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1:2-5

2. _____ -

*Phil. 1:3-6 "I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of **your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now**, ⁶ being confident of this, that **He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**"*

See: 1 Thess. 1:2-3, 2 Thess. 1:3, Col. 1:3-5, 1 Cor. 1:4-6

3. _____ -

1 Tim. 5:17-20 "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages'. ¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning."

Remember- In order to qualify for spiritual leadership one is to be

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_____". 1 Tim. 3:1-10

4. Our _____ - Eph. 5:21-6:4

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." vs. 21

5. _____ - John 14:1

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." Jesus

Psalm 103:1-5 "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits — 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Psalm 115:9-11 "O house of Israel, trust in the Lord — He is their help and shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord — He is their help and shield. 11 You who fear Him, trust in the Lord — He is their help and shield."

THREE ACTION POINTS TO BATTLE THE CYNICAL SPIRIT

"I love those who love me; those who look for me find me." Proverbs 8:17 Message

"Don't try to read between the lines or look for hidden meanings in this letter. We're writing plain, unembellished truth, hoping that 14 you'll now see the whole picture as well as you've seen some of the details. We want you to be as proud of us as we are of you when we stand together before our Master Jesus."
2 Cor. 1:13-14

"And be careful that when you get on each other's nerves you don't snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out." 1 Thess. 3:15 Message

"Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track."
Proverbs 3:6 Message

"That's why the Holy Spirit says, Today, please listen..." Heb. 3:7 Message

Phil. 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility **consider** others better than yourselves."

Phil. 2:5-6 "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not **consider** equality with God something to be grasped..."

Phil. 3:7-10 "But whatever was to my profit I now **consider** loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I **consider** everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I **consider** them rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."

Phil. 3:12-14 "Brothers, I do not **consider** myself yet to have taken hold of it."