

Disappointment & Discouragement

“The feeling of sadness or displeasure *caused* by the nonfulfillment of one's hopes or expectations.”

“To lose confidence or enthusiasm; usually as a result of disapproval.”

Two Types of Circumstances:

1. **Uncontrollable** circumstances. (i.e. weather)
2. **Controllable** circumstances. (i.e. ticket for speeding)

Uncontrollable Circumstances:

Paul:

Romans 9:2-3,

“I have great **heaviness** and **continual sorrow** in my heart...for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.”

1. Paul's **disappointment**.
2. Paul's **focus**.

Second Timothy 1:3,

“I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that **without ceasing** I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;”

Paul's Victory:

Philippians 4:11-13,

“**I have learned**, in **whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content**.” Paul continued, “I know both how to be abased, and **I know how** to abound: every where and in all things **I am instructed** both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

“**Continual** - Romans 9:2
Same Greek Word: “*adialeiptos*.”

Victory, *When concerned for others.*

Circumstances: (Second Corinthians 11)

- Whipped - 5x.
- Beaten with rods 3x.
- Painfulness
- Shipwreck 3x.
- Journeyings - No Motor Home - Air conditioning.
- Dungeons
- False Brethren.
- Hunger, thirst - No coffee shop for a break.
- Escaped - window in basket.

Philippians 4:11,

*"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be **content.**"*

Contentment - Greek "ho."

- The work of the Holy Spirit on the inside that shows on the outside.
- **Submitting to ...**
 - God's will.
 - God's way.
 - God's timing. (when)
- **Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**
-Internet (PDF)

First Corinthians 15:10,

*"...**by the grace of God** I am what I am."*

Paul: "Godly Sorrow"

Romans 7:14-15,

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but **I am carnal**, sold under sin.

15 For that which **I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.**

Second Corinthians 7:10,

"For **godly sorrow** worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but **the sorrow of the world** worketh death."

Romans 7:18-19,

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Romans 8:1,

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ** Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

The Old Sin Nature

- A constant struggle.
- **Victory** - Word ... Holy Spirit!
 - **"Godly sorrow worketh repentance."**
- **"Discover or perceive by chance."**

Martha's Circumstances:

Luke 10:41-42,

“Martha, Martha, **thou art careful** and **troubled** about many things: But one thing is needful: and **Mary hath chosen** that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”



Vine's Expository Dictionary:

“Careful”

- “Signifies "to be anxious about, to have a distracting care.”

“Troubled”

- Agitation of the mind because something is regarded as being unsatisfactory.

Uncontrollable Circumstances - Controllable Circumstances

Psalms 42:11,

“**Why** art thou cast down, O my **soul**? and **why** art thou **disquieted** within me? **hope** thou in God:



Soul

- Translated “*Mind*” 15x

Disquieted

- Translated “*Troubled*” 2x

Hope

- Translated “*Trust*” 2x
- Translated “*Wait*” 12x

Ephesians 5:26,

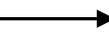
“...the washing of water by the word.”

“For feelings come and feelings go And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is **the Word** of God, Naught else is worth believing.

Regardless of Circumstances

Philippians 4:7,

“And the **peace** of God, which **passeth all understanding**, shall keep your **hearts** and **minds** through Christ Jesus.”



Though all my heart should feel condemned
For lack of some sweet token
There is One greater than my heart
Whose **Word** cannot be broken!

I'll trust in God's **unchanging Word**
Till soul and body sever
For; though all things shall pass away,
His Word shall stand forever!”

Martin Luther