

**EXPECTING THE BEST**  
**Facing Life with Faith - Part 2 of 4**

**Ephesians 3:30 (Amp)** "God is able to do superabundantly far over and above all that we dare ask or think -- infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams."

**Matthew 9:29** "According to your faith it will be done to you."

**I. TWO APPROACHES TO LIFE:**

1. You can choose to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Job 3:24** "Everything I fear and dread comes true."

2. You can choose to be an \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 1:20 (LB)** "I live in eager expectation ... while I'm going through these trials."

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**II. HOW TO STAY OPTIMISTIC:**

1. Start your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 5:3** "In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice, in the morning I lay my request before you and wait in expectation."

**Psalms 118:24** "This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

2. Look for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 8:28 (Ph)** "For those who love God, who are called according to His plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good."

3. Give your \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 1:8-11 (LB)** "We were crushed and overwhelmed ... and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves: but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God ... for He can even raise the dead. And He did help ... and we expect Him to do it again and again."

4. Eliminate \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 4:29 (GN)** "Don't use harmful words in talking. Use only helpful words, the kind that build up ..."

**James 3:5 (LB)** "The tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do!"

5. Associate \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 15:33** "Bad companions ruin good character."

**Psalms 1:1** "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly nor sits in the seat of the scornful."

6. Remember \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 2:9 (LB)** "No mere man has ever seen, heard, or imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord."