Staying Positive in a Negative World

Circumstances in life may not always be the best, but you can make a quality decision to stay positive in spite of negative circumstances. By putting God’s Word first, trusting Him and refusing to quit when situations seem hopeless, you will obtain the promises of God.
Believers must remain hopeful in the midst of troubling circumstances (John 16:33)

Don’t quit when you are afflicted by the devil (Psalm 34:19)

You must have an overcoming attitude to obtain God’s promises to you (Numbers 13:25-30)

Speak to your circumstances and tell them to be quiet like Jesus did (Mark 4:37-41)
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Your attitude in the midst of negative situations and circumstances determines your outcome. God wants to show Himself strong on your behalf, but you must refuse to be negative and you must stand on the Word of God during hard times.
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How you respond to negative situations and circumstances will determine your outcome.
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**Principle Response**

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Being negative can keep you out of your promised land.
Staying positive in the midst of a negative situation helps you to overcome

**Response**

Don’t speak negatively in the midst of troubling situations
Learn to look beyond obstacles
Change your attitude to get your breakthrough!
Put your trust in God
Don’t dwell on your past!
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**Principle**

You can’t be negative and expect God’s Word to come to pass.

Bitterness will defile you and then it will defile others through you.

Giving up in the midst of hard circumstances keeps you from experiencing God’s love for you.

**Response**

Refuse to grumble and complain (Exodus 15:22-26)

Refuse to allow a root of bitterness to grow up within you (Hebrews 12:15)

Proclaim God’s Word and not negative words over your life.

Transform the way you see yourself.
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There are 9 ways to avoid the trap of bitterness.
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Principle

Psalm 1:1, 119:63; Proverbs 22:24-25

How to avoid the trap of bitterness

Response

Change your circle of friends
Is My Close Friendship of God Or The Enemy’s Attempt To Destroy Me?

- Does my friend gossip, backbite or speak evil of others?
- Is my friend argumentative about scripture, a continual debater, never coming to the truth?
- Does my friend call godly people pharisees?
- Do I detect in my friend’s words a spirit of disobedience, envy or suspicion?
- Does my friend spew out poisonous words against a spouse?
- Has my friend succeeded in planting unkind thoughts in my mind about others?
- Have I begun to join my friend in spewing out bitterness?
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How to avoid the trap of bitterness

**Principle**

- Psalm 1:1, 119:63; Proverbs 22:24-25
- Philippians 2:13-15
- Ephesians 4:22, 29
- Ephesians 4:31-32
- Philippians 4:8
- Hebrews 10:24-25

**Response**

- Change your circle of friends
- Replace grumbling & faultfinding with an attitude of thankfulness
- Only speak words that will benefit you
- Express kindness toward one another
- Don’t feed on negative sources; fill your mind with the Word of God
- Commit to developing your spiritual walk through church attendance, prayer & meditation of God’s Word

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How to avoid the trap of bitterness

**Principle**

- Watch your words
- Don’t quarrel
- Don’t slander one another

**Response**

- James 3:10
- James 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:24-26
- James 4:11-12
My Positive Confessions

I am a child of God. I have the image and likeness of my Father.

I commune with God constantly and consistently.

I am a New Testament saint and I have the liberty to worship God in spirit and in truth.

I am fervent in prayer and my prayer makes tremendous power available that is dynamic in His working.

The Lord hears me at all times and delivers me from every trouble.

God’s angels encamp all around me to ensure that I am well protected.

I receive wisdom from the presence of God at all times.

I am always led of the Spirit of God.

I have an anointing from God and I know the steps to take in life.

I am directed by God, line upon line and precept upon precept.

The eyes of my understanding are enlightened that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

I am filled with the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God.
My Positive Confessions

I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
I pray with all kinds of prayer in the spirit.
I am steadfast and consistent expecting the full manifestation of my prayers.

I am consecrated to the plan and purpose of God for my life.
I pray out the mysteries of God into manifestation.
The secrets and wisdom of God are revealed to me.
I am constantly edified in my spirit, and I am always positioned to receive from God.