

## Why IS God Punishing ME Wrong Thinking Part 4

I want us this week to go on a hunger strike from that thinking, “Why is God punishing me?” or “Is God punishing me?” It doesn’t come into our thoughts until something is going wrong or has gone wrong. I want you to stop those thoughts even when something goes wrong; don’t give into these thoughts for a second.

### CHANGE IT TODAY:

#### 1. God is a \_\_\_\_\_ NOT a \_\_\_\_\_.

There is never a place in the New Testament where God is described as a punisher.

But there are many, many, places where he is a rewarder.

“So you see it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” Hebrews 11:6,

God is not a punisher HE is a rewarder.

“Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heavens light. Unlike them, he never changes or cast shifting shadows.” James 1:17

God gives that which is good and perfect. He’s never changing. He doesn’t act good one moment towards you, then punish you the next. What He has for you is good and perfect, He’s not like those shadows from the lights that change all the time.

“So don’t worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. Why be like the world who are so deeply concerned about these things. Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.” “Matthew 6:33

#### 2. Accept \_\_\_\_\_ condemnation (judgment or punishment) in Christ Jesus “So there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

When you have chosen to live your life for Christ, when you chose to surrender your life to Christ... there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus. There is in the world if your living your Christians life in the world but not in Christ and don’t get the two mixed up.

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word.

Think, breathe, and speak the Word of God.

“..My words abide in you, THEN you shall ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.” John 15:7

Believe in the God who GIVES what is good to you. When you are in His word, thinking it, breathing it, speaking it, you start developing the Mind of Christ... THEN you shall ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ your view of God. Deut. 1:26 – 33 tells us that many children of Israel fell in the wilderness because they believed God was punishing them and not blessing them, which he was, and with their attitude that God was punishing them they made wrong choices which bought bad consequences on their life when actually the entire time God was trying to bless them.

#### 5. Even when something goes \_\_\_\_\_, believe in the God who makes things right.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

“... He turned the intended curse in your life to blessing, because the Lord your God loves you.” Deuteronomy. 23:5

#### 6. Come \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ of His grace.

Throw off shame, throw off fear. If you have given your life to Christ and are following Him... You are righteous by faith 2 Cor. 5:21 tells us, and thus you have the right to God’s help, to God’s mercy and to God’s rewards. It is a gift from Jesus to you, a gift he paid for...

See Hebrews 4:15-16

### THINK IT & SAY IT:

I believe that God rewards me; He is not punishing me. Even when things go wrong, He will right every wrong, and turn what the world curses would be into a blessing. I refuse to accept condemnation and I receive God’s mercy when I’ve failed or need God’s help. I reject guilt and receive the wisdom to make great decisions and experience God’s best rewards for my life, in Jesus’ Name.