

CCC Why IS God Punishing ME P4 Wrong Thinking

Today were going to continue in our series called wrong thinking. In this series we have already looked the wrong thinking of thinking, “**I Cant Change**” as Christian, as believers in Christ we need to start by believing in the possibilities of what can happen in your life. We need to start thinking that nothing is impossible to the man or woman who conquers their thought life... not by your strength and not by your might, but by the Spirit of God that lives in all believers. You and I need to remember that, God is with you. God is for you, and the best news of all: God is working IN you and I can change.

The second message we talked about “**Negative Attitudes**” We said that the Christian attitude is the

mindset that takes precedence over all other facts. Attitude is a key to a believer’s life and we need to root out that negative, critical mindset... that attitude that interprets life in negative or critical terms. It is a must if you choose to be a follower of Christ and become what He desires you to be and created you to be... You must root out that mindset... that interprets life in negative or critical terms.

And last week we looked at the wrong thinking of: “**Even if I change, it won’t last. I always fall back.**” We said, often we start to have hope in our lives; often we start to see some things change in us and then for some reason we seem to backtrack, we just seem to expect to fall back into the same attitudes, the same habits or emotions. But the Good News we can change, it will last and we don’t have to fall back.

Today I want us to look at the wrong thinking:
Why is God punishing me or Is God punishing me?

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.

Do you want to join me today let change it today?

CHANGE IT TODAY:

1. God is a Rewarder NOT a Punisher. There is never a place in the New Testament where God is described as a punisher. But there are many, many, many, places where he is a rewarder.

God’s word, the bible says in Hebrews 11:6, “*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.*” God is not a punisher HE is a rewarder.

James 1:17, says, “*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.*” 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. He doesn’t get mad at you and punishing you. He is never changing and what He has for you is good and perfect, He’s not like those shadows from the lights that change all the time.

“Matthew 6:33 says, “*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.*”

2. Accept NO condemnation (judgment or punishment) in Christ Jesus Romans 8:1 says, “*So there is no*

condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” 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. Abide in the Word. Think, breathe, and speak the Word of God. John 15:7 says "*..My words abide in you, THEN you shall ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.*" 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. Change your view of God. Listen to this story in Deut. 1:26 - 33). See 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 but it wasn't God punishing them... the entire time God was trying to bless them.

5. Even when something goes wrong, believe in the God who makes things right. (Romans 8:28 says, "*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.*" Deut. 23:5 says, "*... He turned the intended curse in your life to blessing, because the Lord your God loves you.*"

6. Come boldly to throne 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, you have the right to God's mercy and you have the right to

God's rewards. It is a gift from Jesus to you and HE paid for this gift for you. (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.