

## "Disappointments and How to Face Them."

### 1-Disappoint-Disappointment....

A-An Old French word and came through Latin to our English vocabulary. Means to:

1-To undo the appointment. To fail to fulfill and appointment. When used as a noun it may be:

2-A thing or a person that disappoints.

3-Johnson said,

"Hope will predominate in every mind, till it has been suppressed by frequent disappointments."

### 2-Proverbs 15:22;

Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

3-We are all destined to face disappointments in life. They are no respecter of persons.

1-Disappointments come into the homes of the humble and of those who sit in the seats of the scornful.

2-The realization that they are due to visits us should help prepare us to meet them. It is the storm for which the captain is unprepared that damages the sailing vessel.

4-But we ask, "why should disappointments come?"  
Disappointments come to us because:

1-We are ambitious:

1-The more ambitious we are, the more disappointments we encounter.

2-The ship in dry dock faces no storm, it is the sea-faring vessel that faces it.

3-The indolent and lazy never have to face failures that those of an ambitious spirit must meet. If there is no investment there is no fear of loss.

2-...Benard Palissy, a French potter born in the year 1509, invented enameled pottery

2-We are selfish:

1-We want things for ourselves, and, like small children, whine when we do not secure them. The world gets between you and your plans. When we would do one thing, we must do the opposite. Samuel Smiles story of William Waverley and the little girl who dropped the bowl



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3- Others will not respond:

1- Others will not respond, sometimes never, the way we wish they would. Those whom you serve with most serious consideration may "turn again and rend you,"

2- "He did not even thank me," is the reason or excuse offered for a morbid spirit adapted toward one whom you befriended.

3- Jesus healed ten lepers; *all cried for mercy.*

1- Ten men who were victims of the loathsome disease that separated them from their families. *all were ready to receive a blessing none were not anxious to return praise*

2- They could not enjoy association with *and* society. Luke 17:11-19. These ten men *spontaneously* should have been grateful but if they were *giving* only one came back to express thanks.

4- Still Jesus went on healing:

1- He told his disciples, "You will be as sheep in the midst of wolves." "They will persecute you without cause."

2- Yet in face of all this he said, "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad." If you will befriend others you must learn not to expect much in the way of returns.

4- We suffer disappointment because; Many things are beyond our control.

1- The radio.... "Owing to conditions beyond our control we are unable to continue our program but we present, for your enjoyment....."

2- Calvin Coolidge.... his sixteen-year-old son Junior died in the White House... Calvin Senior wrote:

1- "We do not know what might have happened to him under other circumstances... In his suffering he was asking me to make him well. I could not."

3- Man must face these personal storms that blow upon his life. He comes out of them with a memory and he can choose what that memory will be. It can be that of the cynic and defeated, or it can be that of one who has entered into close relation with God.

*Often, the less people know the more violent are their opinions*



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5-Disappointments...Our attitude....Each of us determines what his attitude will be toward disappointments:

### 1-Some "Give up in despair."

1-There is a story taken from the records of an old Jewish kingdom that sent ships to sea.

"Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophar for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

### 2-Jehoshaphat: *1-Kings 22: 48*

1-Want to get his share. Hiram and Solomon had imported gold from Ophar. *1-Kings 9: 26-28*

2-But Jehoshaphat's ships were wrecked on the rocks.

3-I often wonder if Jehoshaphat gave <sup>up</sup> the idea of getting gold, of if he later sent ships piloted by more competent captains.

### 4-Anyway;

The breaking of the ships did not distort the complexion of his life; for he was one of the few good kings of ancient Judah.

2-David was denied the realization of one of the finest purposes ever entertained by man. *1-Chronicles 22: 1-8*

1-He wanted to build a house to the Lord, but the Lord prohibited the building.

2-David could have been ugly; but he got up above his:

1-His personal ambition.

2-His personal desire.

3-His personal feeling...

### 2-Others adjust themselves to Conditions:

1-Paul expressed a desire to visit Rome.

2-Acts 19:21; I must also see Rome. A. D. 55

3-Acts 23:11; So must thou also bear witness at Rome. A. D. 60. "I did not

waste my life waiting for Rome." Paul did more to set Rome free from evil and false pomp than any man who, in the history of Rome, ever entered its gates. While they dream of far distant shores, people who make progress and get along in life, serve where they find life has placed them.



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3-We should "Face Disappointments and go on."

1-Little trees bend in the breeze and those of shallow root are torn loose in the storm, but the giant oak waves majestically at the passing winds. "YOU CAN BE A SAPLING OR YOU CAN BE AN OAK."

2-Life may get you down and severely punish you, but only he is down who refuses to recognize that he can rise again and march on to victory.

3-The founders of our country.....Faced life's disappointments and went on to build and give to you and me this dazzling twentieth century civilization

4-The sailors who accompanied Columbus on his westward voyage over an uncharted sea wanted to turn back. But Columbus saw new lands to be discovered

6-The people today regarding the service of the Lord:

1-Some can not find the courage to start on the Christian journey of life.

2-Others start and turn back.

3-Others start and armed with their faith in God they wave at the passing storm of life and press toward that city whose Builder and Maker is God.

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