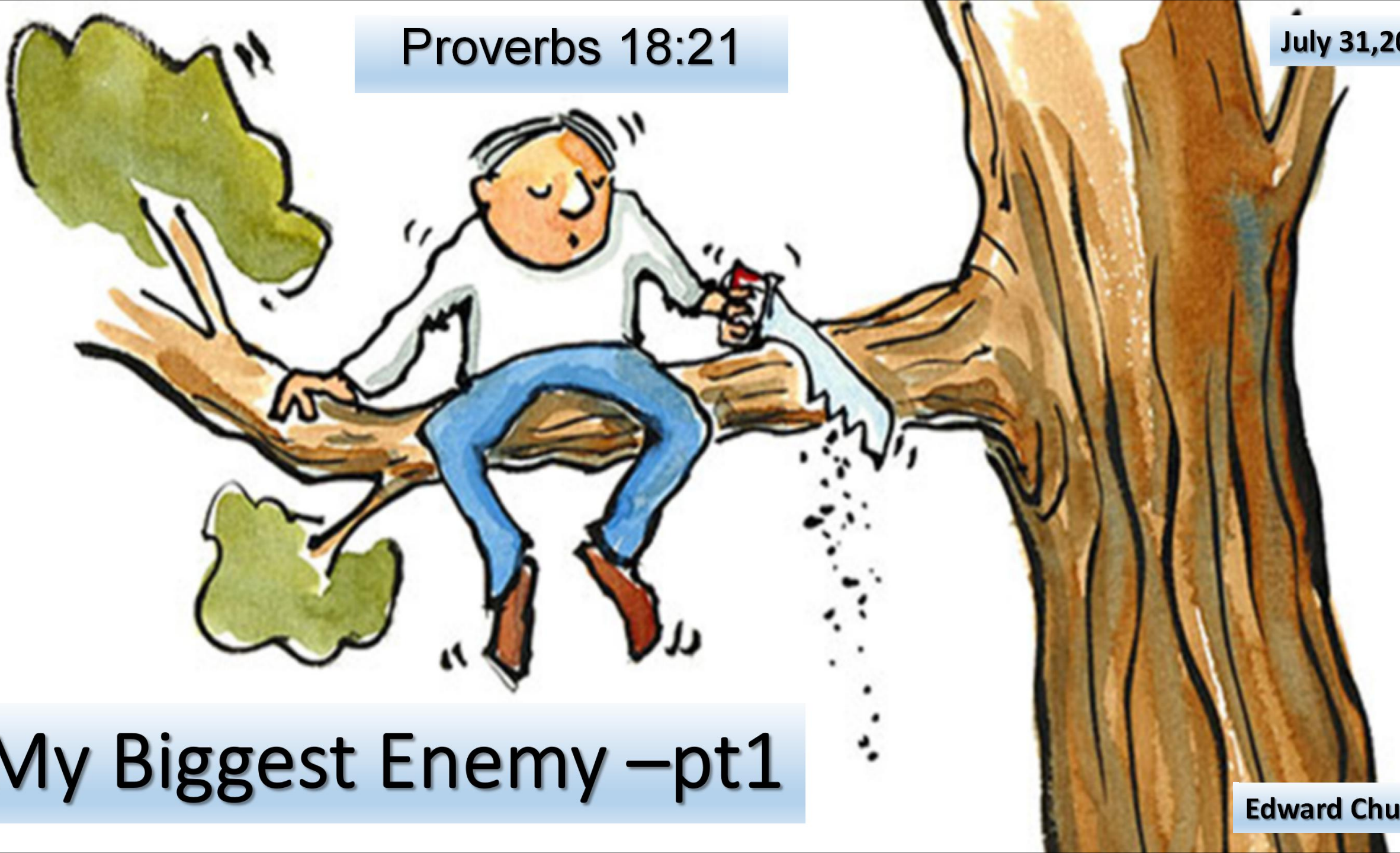


Proverbs 18:21

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My Biggest Enemy –pt1

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# Who is My Biggest Enemy?

Satan?

No

World?

No

Others?

No

Point Finger to the Person...

...Sitting in Your Pew

...Wearing Your Shoes



# **God Has Given Every Person...**

- **Measure of Faith (He Is)**
- **Hope (He is Able)**
- **Vision (Dream) (He is Able to Use Me)**

**Satan Does All He Can Thru the World and Others...**

**...to Enable Me to Destroy Me**

**When We Fail to Listen to the Voice that Matters Most (God)**

- **We Believe the Dream Killers Instead of the Dream Giver.**
  - **We Don't Have to Live This Way**
  - **We Have A Choice Every Day...**
    - ...To Listen to God's Word / Spirit or**
    - ..Believe What Dream Taker Says**

"When there is no vision the people perish." **Satan Knows ...**

**Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)**

- Where *there is No Vision*= a dream, revelation, or oracle
- the **People**= congregation, *tribe, troops* or attendants
- **Perish**= to *loosen; expose, dismiss, set at nought, uncovered*
- **but he that Keepeth the law**= *hedge about, guard; protect, attend*
- **Happy is he**= straight, level, happy

-Ps. 29:18

# God Give Us a Dream (*Vision*)

## A LIFE GRIPPED WITH VISION

- **Attainable**  
*...not out of reach*
- **Active**  
*...moves/ motivates us and others*
- **Attractive**  
**...It Requires Faith Which Pleases God..**  
**...and Attracts Him**

# A God-Given Dream Works in Us



## Motivates us

- Inspires “Hope”
- Realize God has a Purpose for My Life

## Maneuvers us

- Inspires “Direction”
- Realize have to Travel Proper Road

## Maintains us

- Inspires “Fortitude; Passion”
- Realize that I have to Prepare to Stand

# A God-Given Dream... Hindered

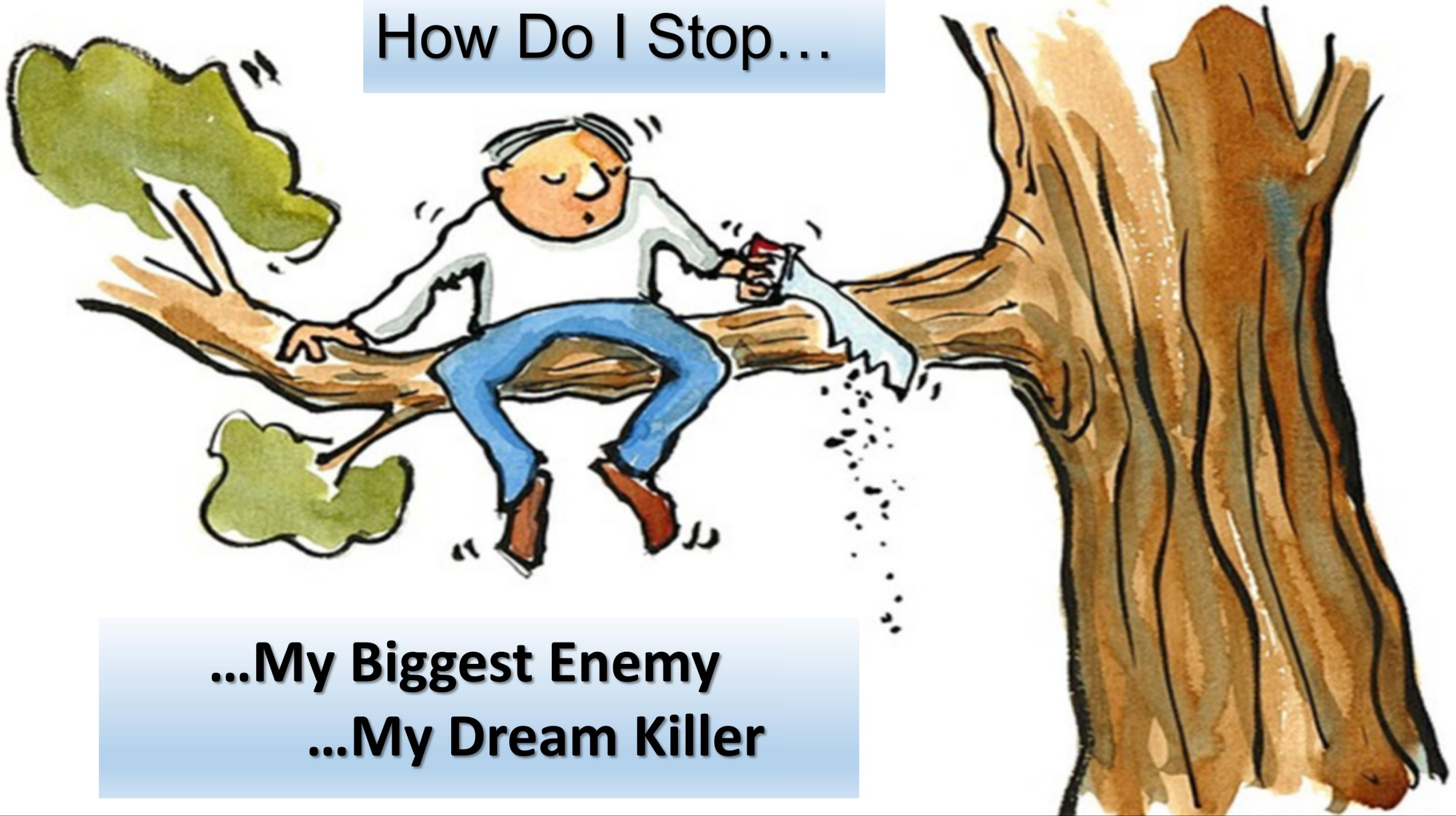


**Caution!**  
**Dream Killers**  
**Ahead**

**Many Times We Get Pounded By Satan.**

- He Uses My Thinking to Believe God Decided...
  - Not to Give Me a Dream
  - To Remove My Dream
  - It's Too Late For My Dream to Become a Reality

How Do I Stop...



**...My Biggest Enemy**  
**...My Dream Killer**



# Get Beyond Negativity

When We Listen to This Malicious Chatter...

...It Prevents Us From Moving Forward

- It's Suffocating.
- It's Discouraging.
- It Takes Focus Off God
- Magnifies Every Weakness We Have

Satan Wants Us Filled with Negative Words and Toxic People...

...Reminding Us

*"How It Can't Be Done"*

*"Why It Shouldn't Be Done"*

*"Why You're Not The Person To Do It"*



“Lord Help Me Take the Saw Out of My Hand!”

It Starts with...

...Addressing the Negatives

...in Your Life

...in a Positive Way

# 5 Ways To Overcome Negativity In Your Life

## Gratitude –Learn to Be Grateful

- 1 Thes 5:18 *“In every thing give thanks: this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”*

## Purposefully Choose Attitude

- 1 Sam 30:6 *“David was greatly distressed; the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people as grieved, every man for his sons/ for his daughters:  
...but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.”*

## Action Influences Thinking

- Proverbs 16:3 *“Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.”*

## Refuse to be a Victim

- Gen 45:8 *“So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God:/ he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, /lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.”*

## Take a Big-Picture View

- Gen 50:19, 20 *“Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.”*

**Positive or Negative Thinking... Which Will You Choose?**



Then your faith will grow strong  
in the truth you were taught, and you  
will overflow with thankfulness.

- Colossians 2:7 -

