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Expectations

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Lesson 1 The Pain and Power of Expectations

Pastor John's story about his study of the subject of Faith

The key to Faith is the word

“ _____ ”

- ✓ Expectations is a horizontal subject about people frustrated with other people.
- ✓ 100% of all _____ are about expectations! 100% of all anger is about expectations. 100% of all fear is about expectations. The whole dynamic of boundaries and insecurity in boundaries is all about expectations.

Daniel 10 and 11 is one of the biggest points in the whole Old Testament.

- ✓ **Daniel 9:1** – first year of Darius.
- ✓ **Daniel 10:1** – third year of Cyrus.
- ✓ Daniel 9 is Daniel praying, “Send your people home.” After 68 years of captivity the order is given and they are sent home.
- ✓ The third year of Cyrus is after they've been back for a year.
- ✓ **Daniel 10:2** – Daniel was _____.
- ✓ **Daniel 11:1** – first year of Darius.
- ✓ Daniel for 70 years had extended his faith for one thing, “Israel to be restored as a nation.” (*Example of drug addicted son*) He didn't want them to limp back, he wanted to have the kingdom restored. 42,000 returned but he expected all or most of them to return. He expected an army of a million Jews, the Davidic kingdom to be restored, etc. One year later, everything he's believed God for in his entire life has just been flushed down the toilet. He expected God to restore Israel. He is depressed.
- ✓ I'm going to take the next 30 minutes and give you a tour of this room (of Faith). Your mind will be overloaded. Give yourself permission to “glance” at these subjects and know that we will come back to them.
- ✓ Expect God to unlock things in your heart that may be some of the sweetest things you've dreamed of in your whole life.



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10 Questions

1 Why was Daniel depressed?

Answer (Daniel 10:2-3) – because everything he'd believed God for his entire life had just flushed down the toilet. All of Daniel 11 is Gabriel saying, "Let me tell you what's going to happen politically in Israel for the next 300 years".

2 What are synonyms for the phrase "positive expectations"?


Write your own synonyms – _____

Answer (Hebrews 11:6) – _____. This verse says that without faith it is impossible to please God because when you come to Him you must believe that He exists and that you expect Him to reward you.

- Faith is a vertical word. Take the same word and put it on a horizontal plane.
- I wouldn't say I have "great faith" in someone, I say that I "trust" them. The reason I trust them is I have certain expectations they have met. As they have met these expectations I have given them more trust.
- Is it true that you trust or don't trust? No! Everybody has measures of trust.
- Positive expectations means hope. It's a grabbing for something. You can grab for peace, but the actual grabbing is not called peace.
- Do you simply trust or not trust someone? Is that possible? It's not possible. If you say, "I don't trust someone", you should really say, "I don't trust someone in this situation".
- **1st Corinthians 4:2** – "Now it is required that those who have been _____ a trust must _____ faithful".
- Here's how trust works (example of Ralph and Joyce). In a marriage you can have 200 steps up of trust, but there's times you go back down the ladder of trust (examples).
- Trust is incremental and the Word of God says, "It's a gift and it must be earned".
- Give me a negative word that's a synonym for positive expectations. Positive expectations are sometimes a very bad thing. Answer – _____.
- A fantasy is when you have positive expectations that are not based in reality and are not going to happen. (Examples of people with fantasies)

➤ **Scriptures**

- **Romans 12:3** – evaluate yourself with _____ judgment.
- **Proverbs 12:11, 28:19**
- **2 Timothy 2:2**

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What are synonyms for the phrase “negative expectations”?

Write your own synonyms – _____

Answer (Matt 7:1-5) – _____. When you pre-judge someone negatively, you are loosing a chain that others will pre-judge you negatively. Then it says in verses 4 and 5 to not waste time on unteachable people.

- Give me a positive synonym for negative expectations. Cautious, prudent, etc. Prudent is found in one book of the Bible more than the other 65 combined – Proverbs, the book of wisdom.
- Negative expectations is _____ many times.

➤ **Scriptures**

- **John 2:24-25** – was Jesus critical and judgmental? No, but He’s just started His ministry and thousands come to him and say they’ll follow Him. He had a negative expectation. Anytime someone quickly makes a deep commitment, they are not someone to be trusted.
- **Genesis 42:37** – Jacob didn’t trust Reuben.
- **John 6:64**

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What are your positive expectations of people?

Example: “A pastor should (write your answers) _____”

- Are we as Christians supposed to need other people? _____.
- Need-based relationships are taking a part of your soul that only God can satisfy and asking another human being to satisfy that.
- A healthy person looks at their mate and says, “I love you, I cherish you, etc. but I don’t need you. If you leave me, it’ll be the stupidest thing you ever did!”

- **Kids** – “I’ll bless you, I’ll do everything I can, but if you want to screw up your life that’s your problem. I don’t have to have you be perfect to believe I deserve to live.”
- **Pastors** – when all those things you expect from your pastor become, “I need you to satisfy the emptiness in my soul”, if he doesn’t meet one of those, the reaction gets very angry.
- **Other Topics**
 - The worship service should
 - Government should
 - Parents should
 - My country should



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- **Parents** – every one of us had a fierce expectation of both of our parents. It was worded, “You should have been my biggest cheerleader. You should have thought I was wonderful, etc”. Every one of us feels that and knows that.
 - **Proverbs 17:6** – parents are the pride of their children. The whole soul of a child is for mommy and daddy to be proud of me. When they’re not, it’s a need based expectation that they did not meet.
 - Until you resolve that unmet expectation, you can never believe that the heavenly daddy calls you the apple of his eye.
- **“I Should...”** – the degree of your reaction to unmet expectations is the degree of _____ in your own soul. The issue is not “Did they meet your expectations?”, the issue is, “Did it enrage you, infuriate you, depress you?”
 - The emptier your soul is, the more you have need-based relationships.
 - At least half of your reaction is _____. You hate yourself for needing their approval.
 - Paul said “Live your lives in such a way that you’re quiet, responsible, and don’t need anybody.”
 - When you were 12 – 13 years old, you had expectations of where you would be at this point in your life. If you don’t meet those, there’s a degree of shame because you haven’t resolved expectations of yourself.
- **Mate** – 50 years of marriage = 2.5 million negotiating sessions.
 - Part of resolving is letting go, part is letting your needs get met in God, part is negotiation, part is secure boundaries.
 - *Example of John’s expectations when he got married*

➤ **Other Topics**

- Those under me in ministry should
- A job should
- Friends should
- My finances should



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What are your positive expectations of God?

Do you expect to go to heaven? Do you expect to be blessed? Do you expect to receive wisdom?

- James says that if any man lacks wisdom he should ask God who gives generously to anyone without finding fault and it will be given to him.
- But then it says that when he asks he must believe and not doubt – that man should not think he'll receive anything from the Lord.
- God says, “If you ask for it and then don't expect it, I'm not giving you anything.”

6

What happens when someone doesn't meet our expectations?

Answer – the word is _____.

- 100% of all arguments is about expectations. 100% of all anger is about expectations. Rage is simply, “I really needed you to do that and I can't live if you don't do that.”
- **Hebrews 12:15**
- Is strong pain a legitimate reaction to unmet expectations?
 - **Luke 12:40** – we are to live as if Jesus is returning today. If He does not return today what is my reaction? A little disappointment. Will I trust Him less and not trust Him tomorrow? I should trust Him tomorrow also.
 - *Example from Bishop Garlington*
 - **2 Corinthians 2:3** – in 1st Corinthians, Paul has written a letter to a church with numerous problems. In this chapter he responds to how mad they were and he says verse 3. There are times of legitimate negative expectations. There are times when you don't know and you can choose to expect the best, and if I'm wrong, it's not that big a deal and it won't hurt.

- There's an assumption that if someone doesn't meet my expectations there's great pain. That's not true. Only if it's need-based relationship.
- The degree of my reaction is the degree of _____ in my soul.

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Are our expectations of God and our expectations of people intertwined?

Answer – _____!

- Your relationship with Christians **is** your relationship with Jesus.
- **1 John 4:20**

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How do we resolve failed expectations of people?

AND

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How do we resolve failed expectations of God?

Answer – they are the _____! You cannot have faith in God and not trust people!

- The Bible says that the older you get, the more _____ you should get.
- Jesus said, “Be innocent (trusting) as doves, yet smart as the devil.”
- *Illustration of John asking Josh to take a trip with no directions*

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When faith and expectations are resolved in your heart, what does it look like?

Where are you going? This is an easy place to get to. Answer – where _____ irritates you, frustrates you, or bugs you.

- The worst irritation lasts five minutes and you brush them off. Your heart is at peace with all men. You truly think every person is delightful and you accept them.

- That is what the Bible not only commands in Hebrews 12:14 and Romans 12:18, but it is the definition of living a life worthy of God and it is **easy!**
- **Romans 15:7** – never try to _____ anybody. We don't even try to change heathens! Only God can turn a heathen soul to a child of God. You can make **offers** to people.
- This has huge ramifications. You are commanded to delight in every person and you have to learn secure boundaries. (*Examples of mothers that point out flaws*)



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- You can't be "best buds" with everyone. Each person you know, you will work to a relationship level and you will get to a place where your expectations and their character are so different that you have to back off to a place where you are commanded to have aught against no man.
- You're commanded to love every person, and it's not about the person! It's about **you** and **expectations!**
- **Ephesians 1:1-2**
- **Acts 6:3**

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Lesson 1 The Pain and Power of Expectations

Discussion Questions

1. As Pastor John indicated, this sermon contained an enormous amount of principles to consider. Which one or two points most interested you, and why?

2. What are some of your positive expectations of people?

3. How do you react when someone doesn't meet your expectations?

Fill in the Blank Answers

¹ Expectations ² arguments ³ depressed ⁴ (write your own synonyms) ⁵ Faith ⁶ given ⁷ prove ⁸ fantasy
⁹ sober ¹⁰ (write your own synonyms) ¹¹ critical ¹² wisdom ¹³ (write your own answers) ¹⁴ No ¹⁵ emptiness
¹⁶ self-hatred ¹⁷ anger ¹⁸ emptiness ¹⁹ yes ²⁰ same ²¹ trusting ²² no person ²³ change

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Lesson 2 Secrets of a Secure Servant

Review of First Sermon

- Expectations are the essence of faith.
- Expectations are the reason for every single argument you've ever had ("you should"). Should = "_____". Every ounce of anger or fear is about "should".
- Expectations are the wisdom of not trusting certain people.
- Expectations are the exposor of the emptiness in my soul. Whether your expectations were correct or not isn't the subject. The subject is, "Why did you react so strongly?"
- Expectations are the basis of biblical boundaries.
- Expectations release the secrets of a secure servant. Would you like to get to the place where insecurities are forever rinsed and you are a confident lighthearted person all the time? It is not that hard to get to.

Secrets of a Secure Servant

1. "They know the way to San Jose!"

Do You Know The Way To San Jose
Dionne Warwick

Do you know the way to San Jose?
I've been away so long. I may go wrong and lose my way.
Do you know the way to San Jose?
I'm going back to find some peace of mind in San Jose.

L.A. is a great big freeway.
Put a hundred down and buy a car.
In a week, maybe two, they'll make you a star
Weeks turn into years. How quick they pass
And all the stars that never were
Are parking cars and pumping gas

Do you know the way to San Jose?
They've got a lot of space. There'll be a place where I can stay
I was born and raised in San Jose
I'm going back to find some peace of mind in San Jose.

Fame and fortune is a magnet.
It can pull you far away from home
With a dream in your heart you're never alone.
Dreams turn into dust and blow away
And there you are without a friend
You pack your car and ride away

I've got lots of friends in San Jose
Do you know the way to San Jose?
Can't wait to get back to San Jose.

- ▶ Dionne Warwick’s song could be a terrific allegory of the world and the peace of God.
- ▶ “Do you know the way to San Jose? I’ve been away so long” – San Jose represents the peace of God and a clean, right spirit before God. L.A. represents the world and its busyness.
- ▶ “L.A. is a great big freeway” – they’re famous for living on the freeway. You don’t ever get anywhere, you just drive all the time.
- ▶ “Put a hundred down and buy a car” – it’s cheap and easy to get caught up in the busyness of the world. They don’t require much of you.
- ▶ “I was born and raised in San Jose” – you were born in the kingdom of God in a place of fullness of faith. When you first got saved you believed Him and believed His word and then a few people did not meet your expectations. The whole song is about how you can’t wait to get **back** to San Jose.

What would I look like if I was full of faith?

I’m going to define San Jose and then talk about the way back to San Jose.

What a Person Full of Faith Looks Like

- 1 – They have _____ in their life toward anyone. No frustration, no negative thoughts, no complaining, nothing negative in their soul or heart to a single human being on the planet.
- 2 – No desire to try to make anyone _____. Should = “_____”. Your entire reaction when they don’t meet your expectations was – you weren’t offering this as a condition for relationship, you were demanding it, end of discussion! All your anger is because you’re determined to make them do this.
- 3 – A light heart full of love for all people all the time.

That is San Jose! That’s where we’re supposed to live!

The route back to San Jose is the road of **Expectations**.

* Comments on reaction to last week's sermon *

Scriptures

- ❑ **James 1:19-20** – as Christians, is it our expectation that a person who's been saved 10 years and pasturing 5 years should cuss about 10% less? No! Your expectation is that a Christian doesn't cuss. How much do you get rid of? All of it! The Word says, get rid of all anger and yet at some point we said, "I just don't believe this".
- ❑ **Colossians 3:8** – people who live in San Jose live for one thing, to hear the sweet Amen of the Holy Spirit in their soul. You can hold a gun to their head and they won't talk negative about other people because they hear the Spirit go, "Oh...".
- ❑ **Romans 12:14-16**
- ❑ **Romans 12:17-18** – does it say live in agreement with everyone? Have theological discussions with everyone? Make your kids do right? You have to talk to the person that irritates you? The goal is peace. Peace is secure person backing off to whatever place it needs that you have a light heart of love toward every person and not wish they'll change.
- ❑ **Romans 15:13**
 - You can tell starving dogs to let go of that piece of leather and you'll never get it out of their mouth. You can tell a starving Christian whose only comfort is chewing their own wounds that it will make them sick, and they say, "It's all I've got". That comes out of an empty soul.
 - The only way to help that dog is not to pull the shoe leather out of it's mouth, but to lay a steak on the ground right next to it and say, "Are you hungry?"
 - I'm talking about people that have rich souls. People in poverty of soul have no friends. A rich soul has all the friends you could ever desire.
 - A rich soul is someone whose heart is light toward all people and everyone wants to be around them. Always one out of ten want to control them.
- ❑ **1 Corinthians 9:22**
- ❑ **Hebrews 12:14-15** – "see to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no root of bitterness grows up to cause trouble and defile everyone around you". When someone irritates you, you have a short window. You can do one of two things. You can deny responsibility for your attitude and blame it on their actions, or you can say, "Found a little spot of emptiness in the soul". If you miss it, bitterness will defile everyone around you.
- ❑ **John 13:35**
- ❑ **John 15:11**

I'm about to show you the deepest core issue of faith in your life.

The Second Secret of a Secure Servant

2. They never _____ to themselves about the truth that the degree of our negative reactions to unmet expectations is the degree of _____

- ▶ My reaction has nothing to do with any person or circumstance.
- ▶ What really is the subject is, “I took my needs to humans rather than to God and now I am mad that they did not meet my needs”.
- ▶ We have needs and we are commanded in the Word to bring our needs to no one but God!
- ▶ Every time you said “I’m upset because”, you lied to yourself. You are upset because you didn’t believe God could meet that need, or you felt like He was too slow, so you demanded that a human meet that need.
- ▶ When you say, “I’m hurt because” and you never point horizontal, it’s the ultimate shuck and jive. “I’m not responsible for my attitudes”.

Projecting our deepest needs onto people when they can only be satisfied in God.

- ▶ The Word of God says hundreds of times to never ask a person to meet your needs?
- ▶ When you live in San Jose, all relationships are blessed based on overflow.
- ▶ Of all the suffering humans have ever faced, 100 being the most terrible tragedies and 0 being the person who suffered the least, what’s the highest any of us would get? 3 – 5. Have any of us suffered a lot? No!
- ▶ You’ve suffered so little that you think it’s okay to get mad about the little bit of suffering.
- ▶ 0% of our reaction is about the person or the circumstances. 100% of our reaction is emptiness of soul before God. That’s the “road to San Jose”.
- ▶ I believe in counseling, but counseling is a waste of time if you don’t have a goal.

Scriptures

- Hebrews 7:26**
- Hebrews 4:16** – when your soul is empty, you move fast. What you move fast toward is what you most believe will satisfy your need. The Bible says the only place you can have your need met is at the throne of grace.
- 2 Corinthians 9:8**
- 2 Peter 1:3**
- Matthew 9:12**
 - When you react, the mirror of God’s Word holds up and says, “Have no anger, no bitterness, have love, have joy, etc”. You look at the Word and you go, “Ewww”.
 - If you’re honest, the depth of your reaction is the degree of sickness of your own soul. Every reaction is the measure of sickness in your soul.
 - The Word says, “You need a doctor” and you say, “No I don’t”. Jesus says, “Then you don’t need me, because I didn’t come for people who’ve got it all together. I came for people who need a doctor.”
- Luke 12:30-31** – God wants to make you rich in soul.
- Isaiah 55:1-2** – *story of John and Beth going to a chick flick*. When has the human soul had enough love, affirmation, joy, etc? There’s a word used throughout the Bible: when your soul is _____!
- Revelation 21:6-7**
- Psalms 103:5** – the minute you start believing, “I’m upset because” you become old.
- John 4:13-14**
- John 7:37-39**
- Psalms 91:16**



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Lesson 2 Secrets of a Secure Servant

Discussion Questions

1. Compare yourself to the picture of what a person full of faith looks like. Based on this picture, where is your level of faith at this point in your life?

2. “The degree of our negative reactions to unmet expectations is the degree of poverty in my soul”. What is your reaction to this statement and why?

3. Which one or two of the many scripture references affected you the most and why?

Fill in the Blank Answers

¹ have to ² no anger ³ change ⁴ have to ⁵ lie ⁶ poverty in my soul ⁷ satisfied

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Lesson 3 Secure Servants Don't Have to Please Anyone

Review of Last Week's Sermon

- A few have been confused and have said, “Okay, I understand, I’m not supposed to have expectations.” **Everybody** has expectations.
- There are two totally separate subjects.
 - **Your Expectations** (valid **or** invalid)
 - We haven’t begun to dive into that subject.
 - Every interaction has expectations and they have to be **negotiated**.
 - When you don’t negotiate expectations, people go through life **assuming**. The terror of every husband is “You should have known!”
 - **Your Reaction to Unmet Expectations**
 - None of us have suffered a lot. We’ve all suffered a little and we tend to whine louder.
 - There is a balance to that; the Bible says each heart knows it’s own suffering and no one else can share it’s joy. Your suffering is the most **you’ve** ever suffered and it still feels like 100 pounds.
 - The line, “I’m angry because” is a lie. “I’m hurt because” is mostly not true. “I have pain” is legitimate.
 - When you say, “I’m upset because” and point to someone else, you have denied responsibility for your own attitudes.
 - You are not permitted to **need** any human being. When you project your need onto another human being, that’s what causes the reaction.
 - Our relationships are meant to be **overflow**.
 - Underneath that lie, the deeper issue is that you were counting on them to fill your soul and they didn’t do what you demanded because you didn’t believe **God** could fill your soul.
 - As a pastor, I have not gone two weeks in twenty one years without being involved in someone’s life crisis that for most of you would be the worst crisis you’ve ever faced. (*Examples*)
 - When I tell you the degree of reaction to unmet expectations is not about the person or circumstance, I’m talking from the experience of seeing people giving it up to the Lord and others who are wailing.
 - Every pain issue starts with, “God, I need you!”

Now, let’s ask God what **He** expects of **us** in our relationship with people.

The Third Secret of a Secure Servant

3. Secure Servants Don't _____ Please Any Person

- ✓ This is a pretty obvious point, but it doesn't answer the question, "Is it okay to **want to please**?" It's a starting place.
- ✓ **Faith-filled** means being _____.
- ✓ God is calling you to a place of hunger. Who has found a growing hunger that you would like to be lighthearted, confident, and secure? That is the call of God!
- ✓ The opposite is also true. Insecure is lack of faith or less faith.
- ✓ Insecure is self-centered and secure is God-centered.
- ✓ What does the word secure mean? Secure means _____!
- ✓ What does safe mean? No person can hurt you beyond a certain _____, **because** you don't **need** any person.
- ✓ I won't deny that people can hurt you and that there are pain issues to be resolved, but when you have found that Christ is the only one that satisfies, they can only hurt you a certain amount.
- ✓ The image of a secure husband is this: "I will adore you, treat you like a queen and seek the Lord's presence, and never commit to the will of the Lord until we've heard God together. But if you have an affair and divorce me, it'd be the stupidest thing you ever did and you're going to have a screwed up life. I'm going to move on and be a fantastic husband to some other woman." That's a healthy reaction!
- ✓ Would you be sad that this person that you love has screwed up their life? Absolutely! Would you be devastated? No!
- ✓ Jesus didn't say I am **one** of the sources of life; He is the **only** source of life!
- ✓ You can see when someone needs their kids. There's a suffocating terror if they don't turn out right. A healthy parent says they'll do the best they can but they know they'll screw up in a lot of things!

How does this concept keep you from being calloused, uncaring, cold, independent, and hardened?

Is it okay for a Christian to want to please other people?

We're going to read three passages of Scripture written by Paul that seem to say, "Absolutely you should not want to please anyone!" Then we're going to read scriptures where Paul says, "I try to please everybody all the time!"

Scriptures

- ❑ **Galatians 1:10** – he just stated that to want to please people is the opposite of a Christian!
- ❑ **1 Thessalonians 2:4**
- ❑ **1 Corinthians 4:1-5**
 - **Verse 2** says that **trust** is a _____ that is then _____. Some of you out of a desire for approval gave all of your trust in the first 10 minutes.
 - **Verse 3** – if you ask Paul if it bothers him if someone is mad at him, his answer is, “A very little amount”. God may be talking to me so I will listen. A secure servant repents easily but only repents when they’ve done something wrong.
- ❑ **1 Corinthians 10:32-33**
- ❑ **Romans 15:1** – I trust my leaders more each year as they continue to grow in two areas (of course they love Jesus, have fantastic marriages, spend time in the Word). These are two things that my leaders expect of me and I expect of them.
 - **Servant** – “please” = to be excited or lift your emotions. Leaders have to listen to God’s voice through His people. When the people are pleased, you’ve often heard God.
 - **Secure** – I have many deacons who walk around in fear of displeasing me. The goal is not to please me!

So is it okay for a Christian to want to please other people?

Wanting to please people and fear of displeasing people;
Are they the same thing? No, they’re not!



Notes on Audience Comments on why they aren't the same thing

Three Phrases

1 – Secure Servants Don't Have to Please Any Person

2 – A Secure Servant Wants To Please Every Person to

3 - A Secure Servant Has No Fear of Displeasing Any Person

Notes on "A Secure Servant Wants to Please Every Person to Bring Them Closer to Jesus"

- Every Christian has one goal; we are going somewhere.
- Secure servants encourage everybody.
- Secure servants want to please everyone to move in a direction.
- Every interaction is weighed in the light of, "Are we moving closer to Jesus?"
- Do we ever let the final judgment for our souls be in the hand of man? No!
- Pleasing doesn't mean approval; no, we don't need or want your approval. We want God's approval, and if you have God's approval, you also win favor with God and man.
- *Example of unsaved neighbor who wants to play golf.*
- **BLUNT** – the more secure you are, the more blunt you are!
- *Example of Beth going from insecure to secure.*
- Secure servants hate to _____.
- *Example of secure servants giving to someone and watching them grow or not grow.*
- We have _____ motives.
- *Continued example of unsaved neighbor who wants to play golf.*
- Secure servants are impregnable to manipulation!
- *Example of reaching out to critical woman in neighborhood.*

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*** Stories ***

- ✓ I now have a guarantee that all relationships will end calmly.
- ✓ I'd always been afraid of strife.
- ✓ When I discovered I don't have to please you; I only want to please you for that purpose; I have zero fear of displeasing you; I realized all situations will end calmly because I'm going to be calm!
- ✓ You'll never be secure without mentors.

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Lesson 3 Secure Servants Don't Have to Please Anyone

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt like you have to please people? How have you dealt with this issue in the past?

2. What aspects of being a secure servant is the Holy Spirit speaking most to you about?

3. Based on this teaching, how do you stay balanced when trying to please people to bring them closer to Jesus?

Fill in the Blank Answers

¹ have to ² secure ³ safe ⁴ depth ⁵ gift ⁶ earned ⁷ bring them closer to Jesus ⁸ waste time ⁹ mixed

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Lesson 4 Secure Servants Negotiate Clearly and Early

Review of First Three Weeks

- Faith is **expectations**; it is interwoven with faith expectations of people.
- You are commanded to not **need** any person but God.
- You don't have to **please** any person; if I seek to bless you, it's a gift, not a demand.
- Secure people are blunt and don't like to waste time; we want to please people **only** to bring people to Jesus.
- The more **secure** you are, the more rich your soul is. When you're insecure and weak, you say, "Please like me!"
- The Bible says Jesus won favor with God **and** man. Secure people are **attractive**.
- Today we're wrapping up the introduction and moving into practicals on negotiating expectations.

Two Statements

- 1 – The more you **want** a person to change, the more that person **resists** change.
- 2 – You can't **make** people change!

Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

We can separate theology from actuality.

>>> Short Term vs. Long Term <<<

You can impose your will on people!

Everyone at some point has believed you can make someone change!

>>> Action vs. Heart <<<

Bible Word Studies

- ✓ If you are made in the image of God, you _____ like God receives love.
- ✓ You have a person at a point of decision. Behind them is a person pushing, shoving, beating. In front of them is a being that is offering, inviting, and waiting. The one behind them is the devil, and the one in front is the Lord.
- ✓ The painful part about receiving love like God receives love is you have to learn to _____.
- ✓ God offers you grace to seek Him, but if you turn it down He does not impose on you. Satan could care less about your heart; he just wants you to do what he wants.

- ✓ If you believe you can't make people change, you would never demand change in your teenager without offering it yourself. Once your kids are teenagers, you can't demand change of them without offering it yourself.
- ✓ We have a battle between theory and practice.
- ✓ Eight Words to Look Up
 - **"Image"** – Genesis 1:26-27
 - **"Invited"** – Luke 14:15-25
 - **"Repent"** – II Timothy 2:24-26
 - **"Seek"** – II Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 7:7
 - **"Force, Oppress"** – Isaiah 53:7-8
 - **"Rest, Peace"** – Isaiah 57:19-21

An Attractive _____ vs. A Negative _____



An Attractive Offer Can Include _____

- ✓ Secure people have very clear negotiating of attractive offers that can include discipline. This is vs. a negative push.
- ✓ *Example of Pastor John and John David negotiating cutting the grass.*
- ✓ Was that manipulation to include negative consequences? No! Manipulation is to imply or sneak or twist by darkness methods. To lay something out up front is negotiating clear expectations and boundaries!
- ✓ In life, when you quit trying to change people, you discover that you can negotiate change if it's a win-win!
- ✓ All frustration with other people is about _____ them do what you want them to do.
- ✓ If you concede that you cannot make someone do permanent heart change, you can see that you are made in the image of God and you hunger for a **gift** from them of love.

You can negotiate change, but you can't make people change!

The Fourth Secret of a Secure Servant

4. Secure Servants Negotiate Clearly and _____

Secure servants commit to nothing until they know what they're getting involved in!

In Luke 14:25-33, Jesus was negotiating early!

Early negotiations are the firmest.

Seven Applications

1. Raising Children

- a. Give them guidelines early!
- b. You cannot make anybody change has a very important exception.
- c. Galatians 4:1-2 says that God gives you a window of time in which you can create _____ in your kids; about 3 – 5 years.
- d. If you miss that window, wait for your grandkids!
- e. Most people have a very self-centered goal; you just want them to love you. You end up with a selfish child. People complain that it's not fair, but it's fair.
- f. What should a parent expect of their child in the first five years? Obedience, respect, etc. *Examples of things you can require of children.*
- g. We've lost any sense of clear expectations. "Your job is to bring peace into the room and be a delight." Any child that's not bringing peace into the room and not being a delight needs discipline!
- h. Once you miss the window of the first five years, the truth is once they pass the twelve year mark, you no longer can make them change. *Example of Alan and Natasha.*

2. Finiding the Person You're Going to Marry

- a. What do you clearly negotiate early in the dating relationship? A heart after God, how you will be treated, trust, how you handle disagreements, etc.
- b. Most people don't know what they expect! The worst thing is when you are dating and see things you don't care for but you believe that after you're married you will change them! *Stupid, stupid, stupid!*
- c. The number one thing every husband and wife wants is they want their mate to not want them to change? But what if what they are is unacceptable?
- d. *Example of Pastor John talking to potential dates of women in the church.*
- e. What does every woman demand of her husband? The husband says, "No matter what I do spiritually it'll never be enough." She says, "No matter what happens, he's dragging behind and resisting spiritually."

- f. Let me give you three expectations I believe every woman has of her husband.
 - i. For him to understand that he has no _____ except God's. A woman wants a man to say to her, "I understand by the Word of God that I will never know that I have heard from God until our hearts are one on the subject." Head does not mean authoritative, head means responsible. All men when they're in the flesh are bullies.
 - ii. For him to say, "We will always be in church, it will be the best church we can find, and I will not be a pew sitter."
 - iii. "I will never touch the _____." 99% of resisting the tithe comes from men, because money is power and men love power and control.

3. **Hiring Someone**

- a. For people who have been responsible for hiring someone, can you state out expectations not only for skill and performance but also for attitude? Yes!
- b. *Examples of requiring people to be on time and to be positive.*
- c. When you lay out clear expectations, you give people a chance to exceed the expectations.

4. **Salvation**

- a. How does "negotiate clearly and early" have to do with salvation? It's about what Christ expects!
- b. *Story of Pastor John and pressure evangelism.*
- c. We're going to ask people who come forward for salvation, "Are you sure this is something you want to do? If you're not sure, it'd be better to wait a day or a week than to make a quick decision."
- d. You can have mass power evangelism and graciousness at the same time.
- e. The offer of salvation is the most beautiful offer in the history of mankind; and it includes negatives!
- f. God says, "You've perverted all of what I made in you and I took all that perversion and evil and put it on my Son. He died in your place. If you accept the gift, He will give you all of His life. If you don't accept the gift, you'll burn in hell for all eternity."

5. **Picking a Church**

6. **Transitions in Life**

7. **Witnessing**

Expectations

Lesson 4 Secure Servants Negotiate Clearly and Early

Discussion Questions

1. How much have you struggled in your life with trying to impose your will on others and trying to make them change? How did this sermon help?

2. What are some ways you can use an attractive offer to negotiate change?

3. Which of the seven applications of negotiating expectations meant the most to you and why?

Fill in the Blank Answers

¹ receive love ² wait ³ offer ⁴ shove ⁵ discipline ⁶ making ⁷ early ⁸ attitudes ⁹ authority ¹⁰ tithe

Expectations

Lesson 5 What We Can Expect of Jesus

All we've done thus far is
Remove The _____!

Review of Four Key Truths

1. You don't need any person.
 - a. The more dysfunctional society gets, the more people cling to a relationship that's meant to be a gift and not a source of life.
 - b. Specifically, parents of adults today are the most dysfunctional in the history of mankind. You don't see 60 year olds who have 35 year old kids that they're friends. They're completely cut off or trying to dominate.
 - c. As a result, no human relationship is supposed to be need-based.
 - d. Only God can satisfy your needs. All relationships are meant to be overflow blessings.
2. You don't have to please any person.
 - a. Remember the Bible study where Paul said "I don't try to please anybody" and "I try to please everybody"?
 - b. Paul said, "I want everybody to come closer to Jesus, but I don't have to earn your approval at all."
 - c. You deal with mixed motives.
3. You can't make people change (permanently).
 - a. There are generalities where men are weaker than women, but in this area of thinking you can fix people, women are the problem!
 - b. The root is you think you can make people change, and the worst part is that you can temporarily.
 - c. Proverbs says "Do not rescue a hot tempered man; if you rescue him you will have to do it again".
 - d. *Story of Howard and Dawn*.
4. You never guess at expectations. A secure person clearly, forcefully, and early deals with expectations.

Luke 3:9

John the Baptist said, “The axe is laid to the root of the tree.”

- ✓ *Story of John getting hired to get rid of tree stumps.*
- ✓ When John the Baptist said the axe is laid to the root of the tree, he was talking about a special root. The root is called the **Tap Root**. It’s a big, thick root.
- ✓ To get to the tap root there are all these horizontal roots. You don’t start with an axe, you start with a hatchet and a shovel. You don’t pick up an axe until 90% of the work is done. You have to clear space to get to the tap root.
- ✓ What we have done for the first four weeks is we have removed the distractions (*examples of distractions that have been removed*).
- ✓ Once you’ve gotten rid of all the distractions, now it’s time to bring out the axe!
- ✓ *Rest of story of John getting rid of tree stumps.*
- ✓ Even today we have one major distraction to remove, but today we will begin to settle all issues of faith in your heart.

Questions

1. What can we expect of Jesus?

Wisdom ?
 Emotional Well Being ?
 Financial Blessings ?
 Physical Health ?
 Great Marriage ?
 Godly Children ?
 Respect and Appreciation?
 Safety ?
 Fulfilling Career ?
 Rich Friendships ?
 Laughter ?

2. Are these blessings the will of God? Yes!

3. If all of these are the will of God, can you expect them? Yes! If you can expect them, how would you respond if you don’t get them?

There are two categories of expectations.

There are _____ and then there are _____.

Examples

- ▶ **Marriage Example #1** – neither marriage partner can ever say they've heard from God definitively unless their mate has heard the same thing. That's a primary expectation.
- ▶ **Marriage Example #2** – we are married for life except if you sleep with another person, this marriage is over. You have a choice – you can walk away or birth a new marriage if both are willing to become a whole new person. That's a primary expectation.
- ▶ **Marriage Example #3** – a lot of women have an expectation that their husbands will learn to throw the dirty clothes in the hamper. That is a long-term growth expectation. Are they equal expectations? No! In one, if it's violated, the whole relationship is violated. The other, if he hasn't learned yet, you keep hoping and working toward it one day.

All of these (listed on the previous page) are long-term growth expectations, not to be compared to primary expectations.

- ✓ I'm happy that we have great teachings on healing, financial blessing, marriage, etc; but it is such a melodramatic overreaction to say, "I believe God for this financial blessing and it just didn't happen so how can I ever know I've heard God at all?"
- ✓ Does anybody have full wisdom the day they're saved? Does anybody have all the principles of marriage day they're married? Does anybody think they're the perfect parent when they have a kid?
- ✓ Find a college baseball player who batted 330 for the year and has 12 home runs, and he realizes he's not as good as Gary Sheffield of the Atlanta Braves. He says, "If I'm not as good as Gary Sheffield, I can't play baseball at all." 100% false!
- ✓ Exact same scenario! Here's someone trying to learn that God wants to bless you financially. There's about 1000 truths He wants to teach you and you've learned 112 of them. You tried to put them all together and fell on your face and said, "If I can't have it all, I'm not doing anything".
- ✓ Pick yourself back up and learn some more. The temper tantrum stuff is an unwillingness to grow.
- ✓ What is the "tap root"? There are two expectations for us.

Two Expectations of Us

***If we are _____ and have _____
He will give us ever increasing _____!***

- ✓ This is the summation of salvation. It is not enough to know you're a sinner. You have to also know that He took your death and offers you His life.
- ✓ All of these long term blessings are outgrowings of life, but sometimes those outgrowings are chopped off that stronger outgrowings may come.
- ✓ The people with the greatest wisdom on supernatural physical healing are people who have faced the most sickness, etc.
- ✓ **John 15:1-2** – God has the freedom to prune any of these areas that we might tap into the **core**. The core of it all the word _____!

Synonyms for Life	Synonyms for Death
Joy	Empty
Peace	Dry
Truth	Devoid of Life
Energy	Anger
Love	Sad, Lonely, Depressed
Confidence	Low Self Esteem, Discouraged
Enthusiasm (“God inside”)	Hate
Real	Negative, Pessimistic
Righteous	Fearful, Anxious, Worry
Stability	Unstable
Other-People Centered	Passionless, Apathetic

Three Questions

1. Can a person have all of these twelve blessings and still not have life? _____.

I am the richest man on the planet. I have all of these in greater abundance than anyone I've ever met. Give me two days without time in the Word or the Spirit, and I am the most dry, dusty, self-centered person on the planet.

2. Can you have none of these and have a soul filled with life? _____.

You have to understand that the core of Christianity is life! *Story of two ladies who got saved at plays.*

3. There’s two things you have to understand to understand faith. First, all the branches are not the root. Second, you have to understand both columns.

Psalm 91:8 – it’s not enough to see life. You also have to see death. You have to see that you don’t just drink pettiness, it eats you up. You have divided your heart and you have said, “I want life!” You can only have life if you meet His two expectations.

Two Things God Demands Of You

HUMILITY (Never Blame)	+	FAITH (Confidence Focus)	=	LIFE (Gen 2:9, Rev 22:19, John 10:10, 14:6, I Tim 6:19)

- ✓ “Never blame” means you can never blame any person or God for your lack of life.
- ✓ Humility is the doorway to knowing the king. Many people spend their whole life kissing the doorpost and never going through.
- ✓ God demands two things – never blame any person for your lack of life, and have faith.
- ✓ **Three Synonyms for Faith**
 - Faith is _____
 - Faith is _____
 - Faith is _____
- ✓ *Pastor John’s testimony.*

Expectations

Lesson 5 What We Can Expect of Jesus

Discussion Questions

1. Give some examples of primary and long term growth expectations in your relationship with God.

2. Which of the synonyms for “life” are active in your life right now? Which synonyms would you like to see become a part of your life?

3. God demands humility and faith from you. Evaluate yourself in both areas on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being “horrible” and 10 being “excellent”.

Fill in the Blank Answers

¹ distractions ² primary ³ long term growth ⁴ humble ⁵ faith ⁶ life ⁷ life ⁸ yes ⁹ yes ¹⁰ performance orientation ¹¹ relaxed ¹² confidence ¹³ lighthearted

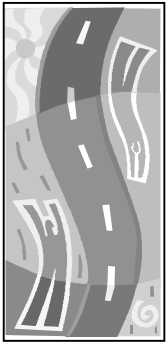
Expectations

Lesson 6 Be Humble and Relaxed

Introductory Comments

- ✓ Tonight I'm going to give you a very grabbable concept. It's internal, not external.
- ✓ It is extremely measurable and it is life giving and very constricting of the flesh.

Two Stripes on the Edges of the Highway of Faith



- There are two stripes on the edges of the highway of faith.
 - If ever it's dark or foggy, they tell you zero in on the reflective striping.
 - This is the boundaries of faith.
 - One stripe is humility.
 - The other stripe on the side of the road is being _____.
 - It took 25 years of reading the Word to understand that when you have faith, you're relaxed. I didn't even know that was the goal.
 - One reason I have credibility in teaching this is I have zero 'S'.
- Are you saying that if you're not within the boundaries of humble and relaxed then you're not in faith? I'm saying yes!
 - The wonderful/horrible thing is you now know what it looks like, and you also can know when you're not there! There is the ability to choose faith!
 - When I talk about the expectations of a secure servant, a person who is in faith and secure is a wonderful combination of humble and relaxed.

- When does effort become a "works mentality"? When you are no longer relaxed!
 - When does passion for Jesus cross over into a "performance orientation"? When you are no longer relaxed!
 - When are you trying too hard? When you are no longer relaxed!
 - People don't spend time with God because they think meeting with God will mean having to work harder. God is the ultimate 'S'!
 - You can't be negative and be relaxed, you can't be bitter and petty and be relaxed, etc.

Scriptures

- **Proverbs 12:25**
- **Ecclesiastes 2:22** – has being uptight ever benefited you?
- **I Peter 5:7**
- **Philippians 4:6-7**
 - “Do not be anxious about anything” = “be relaxed about _____”!
 - I’m not saying that I expect you to be relaxed all the time. I expect that things are going to hit you and you will start running off the road. Paul is saying that when you get in the ditch, here’s how to get back!
- **Colossians 3:15** – when are you out of faith? When you are out of peace! You cannot fabricate, twist, or change the word “peace” and remove the word “relaxed” out of it.
- **Proverbs 14:30**

Study of Hebrews 10:35 – 11:21

- **10:35**
 - *Example of Mike Gay and ping pong.*
 - Is it possible to throw away being relaxed? It sure is!
 - Beth’s comment – I never realized how much it is a _____.
- **10:36** – when you are humble and relaxed, nothing knocks you out of the ballgame!
- **10:38**
 - “My righteous one will live by ...” being humble and relaxed.
 - “If he shrinks back ...” – you can write the word anxiety there.
- **11:1** – “Now **faith** (*being humble and relaxed*) is being sure of what we hope for ...”.
- **11:4-5**
 - Abel just wanted to hang with God. Verse 4 is more about humility than being relaxed.
 - Cain was wrapped up in external performance and got uptight. God said, “Be careful, sin is crouching at your door.” You can tell he got outside of faith because he got so uptight!
 - God so enjoyed walking with Enoch that He took him home! For Enoch, faith was hanging with God!
 - I don’t know what demons have told you about prayer time or who has told you that you weren’t doing enough. In 25 years of walking with Him, I know that when I come into the presence of God, I must rinse everything that has me uptight out of my heart.
 - We carry burdens and stresses and woundings and we come to the door of the Holy of Holies. You don’t get in until you’ve dropped everything.
 - Enoch walked with God. You can’t get a better picture of relaxed!

- **11:7**
 - Some people believe you can't be humble and relaxed. It took 100 years to build the ark. Noah walked in holy fear (humble obedience) for 100 years!
 - The world needs humility, but the world _____ for relaxed. The attraction of Christianity is relaxed.
- **11:8**
 - Write the word _____.
 - If you got more relaxed, would it make you lazy? All of Abraham's life is about faith!
 - Do I stay in faith? On good days, 60-70% of the time. On bad days, 20-30% of the time. But I know when I've run off the road now and I know what it takes to get back!
 - Abraham left everything. Risk-takers are relaxed. They have to be, long term!
- **11:19** – when you relax, faith can expand in your soul!
- **11:20-21**
 - You will never lose power gifts until you are humble and relaxed.
 - I see people that aren't baptized in the Holy Spirit, and if you've been around the Holy Spirit then either you're not humble or you're not relaxed.
 - I have an easier time getting people humble and hungry for the Holy Spirit than I do to get them to relax.



Notes

Concluding Thoughts

- Last week we covered twelve areas of long-term faith. When you're childish you put some effort in and you want the results and if the results don't come, you kick a tantrum!
- There comes a time in faith that you understand that there are no great heroes of faith that got it in five easy steps! When you grasp that, for the first time you really begin to relax! You quit measuring people and yourself by externals.
- The day you wait to know that it's God before you prophesy is the day you don't need prophesy anymore because you're already in heaven. When I teach people to prophesy I say, "Look at someone and say, 'Lord let me encourage them!'"

Expectations

Lesson 6 Be Humble and Relaxed

Discussion Questions

1. “When you have faith, you are relaxed.” Give examples of how you’ve seen this truth in your life and/or in other people’s lives.

2. Rate yourself on a scale of 1 – 10, with 1 being “tense and uptight” and 10 being “relaxed”. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about becoming more relaxed?

3. Which one or two of the verses in Hebrews meant the most to you and why?

Fill in the Blank Answers

¹ relaxed ² everything ³ choice ⁴ thirsts ⁵ risk-taker

Expectations

Lesson 7 Relaxed

Hebrews 4:1-16

- **Verse 1**

- The NIV says “Be careful”; the KJV and NASB says, “Let us _____”.
- The word fear carries a lot of weight because we have covered massive subjects but in a sense we’ve covered one subject – that to walk in faith is to be relaxed.
- The minute you make any decision that’s not rest-based, it starts a tumbling process that will eventually result in destruction.
- I am afraid when you have a choice to enter deeper into rest or to enter into the wild craving noisy busyness of the world.
- The writer of Hebrews says, “Be afraid to miss a chance to enter deeper into rest.”

- **Verse 2**

- I’m going to say a few lines that people who defend a lifetime of anxiety say to others and themselves.
 - “If I rested, everything would fall apart!”
 - “If I rested, nothing would get done!”
- If you’re going to cuss, I’d rather you just outright cuss than sneaky cuss.
- When you say and think these things, you are saying, “God is weak; God is unnecessary, etc”.

- **Verse 3**

- Notice the word “anger” and the context – they did not believe the message.
- I taught a Marriage Series years ago, and one of the most well known sermons in there is “3 Things Every Husband Hates”.
 - The first is that every husband hates to be disrespected (explanation of how the husband thinks).
 - As much as a man hates being disrespected, equally a man hates for his wife to be _____.
 - All men, when our wives are uptight we know instinctively that we’re supposed to serve and cover this woman. When she is anxious and fretting it is like she is finding the loudest point she can find and hollering to the most people, “I am married to the biggest jerk on the planet!” All men hate it!
 - What a coincidence that 3 billion men have the same reaction! I wonder where they got it from? From a God who is the ultimate husband who says, “When you are uptight and freaking out, you are defaming who I am in your life.”

- **Verse 4**

- Do you think Adam and Eve slept in the Garden of Eden before the fall? My guess is that they slept.
- The deeper question is, God created us. God could have created us where we didn't need sleep. Sleep is a weird concept. God created us so that the earth cannot rotate for a single time without every human being on the planet coming to a place of complete vulnerable weakness.
- In this state of complete and total collapse, you are absolutely 100% weak. In that season of weakness, what happens in your body and soul? Your soul and your body are restored!
 - Dreams are generally your soul processing through all the anguish and tension of the day.
 - What happens to your body during sleep? Hormones are renewed, organs are replenished, etc.
 - Has anyone ever gone to sleep with a confusing situation and woke up and understood what to do with it?
- You hear God in your sleep.

- **Verse 7**

- This is the third time in twenty verses this phrase has appeared: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts".
- We've already wrestled through that we don't want to please men but we want to please God. I believe that almost all of us burn with passion to please God.
- The question is, each day as we set out to please God, do we ask Him what would please Him today, or do we decide for Him what would please Him today? (Examples of both).
- If today we brought our list to the Lord, what would happen to that list if we asked for His voice and direction on each one? It would _____ a lot!
- God whispers so many times, "Slow down! Hear my voice!"
- This is not about going to murder someone, etc. The context is rest!

- **Verse 8**

- "Another day" – _____. Synonyms are: a longing, desire, wanting, hunger.
- When an alcoholic blows his entire paycheck and his family suffers, what is the yearning in his soul? Peace, freedom from pain, and rest. He thinks, for two days, maybe he can almost rest.
- The Word of God says there's a future opportunity that every man desires to come to a place of rest.
- What is the fantasy that keeps lovers of money chasing that carrot? Rest!
- The stupidest one of all, "If I just could go fishing all day every day ...". That would last about a month!

- **Verse 10**

- Write the word: _____.
- Rest is internal and external. Which comes first, internal rest or external rest? Internal rest!
- Every decision made when you're not in rest will always be a wrong decision!
- I don't deny the need for external decisions. But before you can ever make decisions about finances, you have to let God purge the love of money out of your heart.

- **Verse 11**

- Older versions of King James say "Let us _____".
- It's one of the funniest verses in the Bible! "Let us sweat hard to relax!" "Let us wear ourselves out to take it easy!"
- Write the word _____. People that are anxious for extended times, there's only one reason why they stay anxious. It's _____. It's lazy!
- To rest takes extremely intense focused work! It's a whole lot easier to get caught up in busyness than it is to slow down!
- *Martin Jenkins' story.*
- You never enter into rest until you first get a clean heart, and nothing takes more work than a clean heart!

- **Verses 11-12** – (see diagram on next page)

- These are two of the most taken out of context verses in the Bible.
- The context of these verses is rest!
- "Take the sharpest point of the knife and press it where it hurts the most!"
- *Story from Dr. Paula Wynne.*
- The issues we have wrestled with are all about rest (see diagram on next page).
- People will run for years because as long as they're running, no one gets to touch it and they can still believe it was horrible and they shouldn't have done it, etc. The Holy Spirit says, "Stop! Take the greatest point of pain, and bring the knife".

- **Verse 15**

- If you need encouragement, I'm your man. If you need sympathy, I really believe I have a zero on the gifting scale on sympathy.
- Sympathy is a good thing! Encouragement is, "Would you like to figure out how to get out of the pain?" Sympathy is, "The pain is valid" and just to acknowledge the pain.
- I hate funerals and hospitals because the walls call out pain! The real exciting news is that Jesus is not like me! In this amazing verse He says, "When (circumstance) happened, I wept too. I hurt too."

• Verse 16

- “Receive mercy” = _____, “find mercy” = _____.
- When you have pressed the point all the way in and you have gone past weariness to complete honesty, the most horrifying part of honesty is getting to the place where you realized that you deserve awful things.
- When you justify the strongest it’s often because you’re terrified of facing the truth.
- Mercy is not getting what you deserve. He comes and says, “Receive mercy.” You say, “I want you to teach me how to do it your way.”

You Don't Have to PLEASE ANY Person.

but you WANT to Please EVERYONE ONLY to bring them closer to Jesus

Hebrews 4:12,13

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Don't NEED any person.

You Can't MAKE People CHANGE (Permanently)

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Give your Primary Expectations (Boundaries) CLEARLY and EARLY

The CONCLUSION of it All

Be ***RELAXED !***

Expectations

Lesson 7 Relaxed

Discussion Questions

1. Which verses in this sermon spoke to you the most, and why?

2. To what degree do you walk in rest in your life? What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about this area?

3. What are the main things you learned from this entire series on Expectations?

Fill in the Blank Answers

¹ fear ² uptight ³ shrink ⁴ yearning ⁵ decisions ⁶ labor ⁷ lazy ⁸ comfortable ⁹ past ¹⁰ future