

God's Word is the Lens Through Which We Distinguish Between Truth and Error

Man's Boast:

*"People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking they can do things, when **they believe in themselves**, they have the first secret of success."*

Norman Vincent Peale.

God's Truth:

*"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, **that is, in my flesh**. For I have the desire to do what is right, **but not the ability to carry it out.**"*

Romans 7:18 (ESV)

The Believer's Boast:

*"God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. **And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus**, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, **"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."***

1 Cor. 1:28-31 (ESV)

The True Secret of Success:

"Christ in you, the hope of glory!"

Colossians 1:27b (ESV)

"A God Centered Response to Trials" (Pt. 2)

2 Kings 19:1-19

Critical Concept: When opposition comes against a follower of Christ, he/she should come before Him humbly, repent of any wrongdoing, and seek for God to be glorified through the resolution.

I. The Journey of Faith

II. How Faith Responds in Light of God's Promises

A. When you get "The Letter"

B. "Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

- He declares the greatness of God
- He cries out to God to be attentive
- He relates his very real concerns
- His plea is God centered

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)