

**“These
things I
have
spoken to
you, that in
Me you may
have peace”**

John 16:33



Questions about “Expectations”



Do I have unmet expectations with God ? ⁽¹⁾

- The older brother expected a certain reward from his father:
“I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.”

Luke 15:29



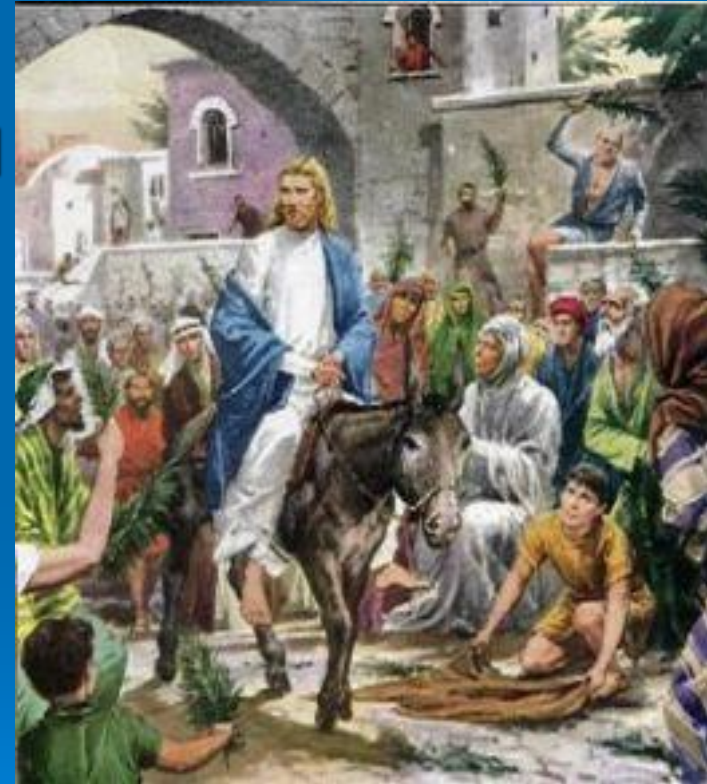
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- Those who were hired at the beginning of the day expected a higher wage: “These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’” *Matthew 20:12*



Do I have unmet expectations with God ? ⁽³⁾

- Those who received the Lord on Palm Sunday expected a deliverer and a Messiah who will restore the Kingdom of Israel.
- Do I expect God to answer every prayer instantly with “YES”?
- Do I expect a life of ease if I walk with Him?
- Do I ever expect to suffer because of my sins?



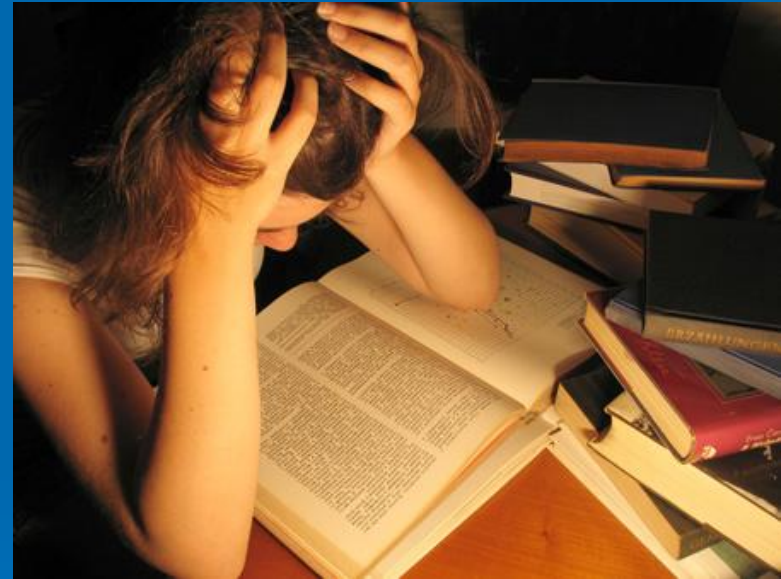
Do I have unmet expectations with my family? ⁽¹⁾

- What kind of expectation do I hold for my spouse?
- What do I expect from my children in every age?
- What do I expect from the church members and those serving?



What happens when expectations are not met?

1. Frustration
2. Anger
3. Doubt in God's love and promises
4. Pressure on those whom we want to meet our expectations
5. Distance



What can “Expectations” tell us about ourselves?

1. That I might be an unrealistic person
2. That I am self-centered
3. That I care about what God can give here and nothing more
4. That I am not aware of my own weaknesses



Dealing with “Expectations” in the right way ⁽¹⁾

1. If I expect God to bless my work, I have to work hard with Him.

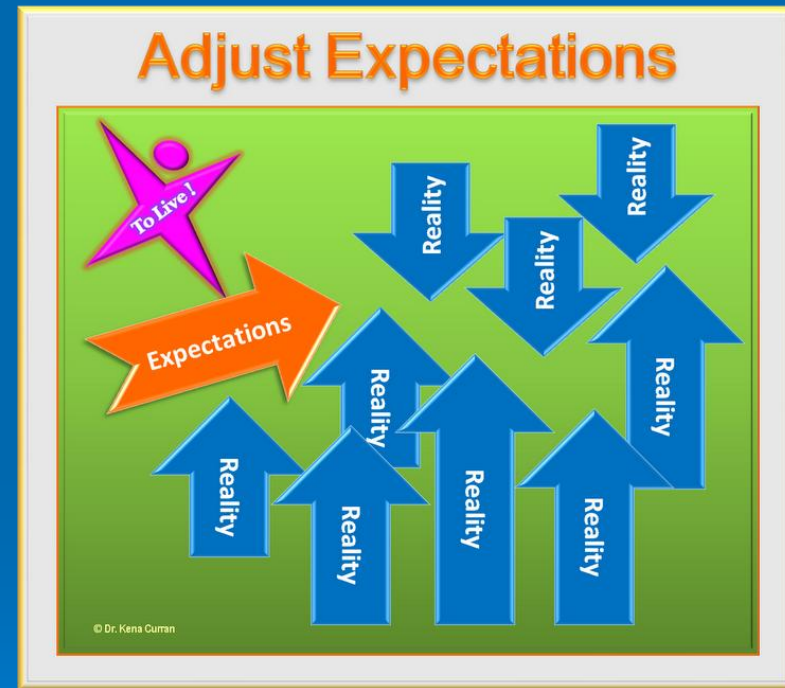
“The expectations of life depend upon diligence; the mechanic that would perfect his work must first sharpen his tools.”

2. Search the Scriptures to better understand God and His promises



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3. Communicate your expectations with love to those around you.
4. Re-evaluate and adjust expectations often.
5. Always be REALISTIC



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6. Set your heart on things above:
“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above”
Colossians 3:1

