

RECOGNIZE NEGATIVE, DWELL ON POSITIVE – Part 1

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Part 1 – Scriptures from the Old Testament

Num. 13:1-33	the Lord said – send men to spy out the land of Canaan – one from each tribe
6	from Judah – Caleb
8	from Ephraim – Joshua
17	Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan
18-20	some things to look for
	see what the land is like
	whether the people who live there – are strong or weak
	whether the people who live there – are few or many
	whether the land they dwell in – good or bad
	whether the cities they inhabit – camps or strongholds
	whether the land is rich or poor – whether there are forests or not
25	they came back after 40 days
26	they brought back word – and showed them the fruit of the land
27	positive – truly flows with milk and honey
28-29	nevertheless – the people are strong, the cities are fortified & very large –
	we saw the descendants of Anak and others
30	Caleb quieted the people – “let us go up at once and take possession, for we are able to overcome it”
31-33	the people focused on the negative
Gen. 50:15	Joseph's brothers considered the possibility
20	Joseph – recognized evil, dwelt on positive
Prov. 14:15	the simple believe every word – the prudent considers his steps
Prov. 27:12	the prudent foresees the evil & hides
Jer. 6:11-14	the Lord was upset – saying “peace, peace, when there is no peace” (also Jeremiah 8:11)
Jer. 14:11-12	“do not pray for this people, for their good” – I will not accept them (also Jeremiah 7:16 and Jeremiah 11:14)
Exod. 14:10-12	the people were afraid
13-14	Moses said – don't be afraid – stand still and see the salvation of the Lord
2 Kings 20:1-2	Hezekiah heard that he was going to die
3	Hezekiah talked to God
Dan. 3:17-18	our God can easily deliver – but He might not (at this time)

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- Part 2 – Scriptures from the New Testament

- Count the Cost

Luke 14:26-33 count the cost – recognize negative

26 the Lord comes before family

27 we must “bear his cross”

28-30 building a tower – count the cost

31-32 going to war – count the cost

33 forsake all that we have

1 Thes. 5:3 people say “peace and safety” – (calamity before restoration)

- Must recognize traps

Matt. 4:3-4 recognized the trap – followed the plan of the Father

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2 Tim. 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm – may the Lord reward him

15 beware of him

Acts 9:23 the Jews plotted to kill Saul

24-25 Saul became aware of it – the Jews were watching the gates – the disciples

let him down in a basket

Rom. 12:17 do not repay evil

18 do your part to be a peacemaker

19 do not seek revenge

20-21 overcome evil with good

- Trust in the Father

2 Cor. 1:3-7 look to the Father for comfort

8-10 trust in God, who delivers

Matt. 26:37-46 recognized the circumstances – followed the plan of the Father