

EMOTIONAL BANK ACCOUNT – Part 3

God Makes Positive Withdrawals From Disciples' Emotional Bank Accounts

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Comment – I will continue with my series about the “Emotional Bank Account”
- Tonight’s title – “Emotional Bank Account – Part 3”

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- At this time – Here are some foundational ideas about an “emotional bank account”
The foundational premise of the teachings from Stephen Covey
 - Deposits are good & Withdrawals are bad
(In human endeavors = that is often true)

Stephen Covey wrote about “the Emotional Bank Account” in his book “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.” Following are some excerpts.

On page 188, Covey wrote: “We all know what a financial bank account is. We make deposits into it and build up a reserve from which we can make withdrawals when we need it. An Emotional Bank Account is a metaphor that describes the amount of trust that’s been built up in a relationship. It’s the feeling of safeness you have with another human being.

“If I make deposits into an Emotional Bank Account with you through courtesy, kindness, honesty, and keeping my commitments to you, I build up a reserve. Your trust toward me becomes higher, and I call upon that trust many times if I need to. I can even make mistakes and that trust level (that emotional reserve) will compensate for it.”

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- For the record – I agree with his premise
 - For the record – I intend to give some Christian-living goal in this series is to help you
 - Help you – make deposits in the lives of other people
 - Help you – deal with negative withdrawals that people make toward you
 - But before we get to Christian-living principles, let’s understand God
 - God’s deposits into Your Emotional Bank Account = are wonderful
 - But – even God’s withdrawals in your life = are wonderful
 - Let me remind you about the subtitles of the first two presentations

Part 1 Subtitle – “Father and Son Make Deposits Into Your Emotional Bank Account”

Part 2 Subtitle – “God Made Positive Withdrawals From Christ’s Emotional Bank Account”

Part 3 Subtitle – “God Makes Positive Withdrawals From Disciples’ Emotional Bank Accounts”

Just as God did some positive withdrawals from Christ – God did some positive withdrawals

from His servants – for their good – (including Joseph, Moses, David, Job and Paul)

1. Notice several withdrawals from Joseph

Gen. 37:20-21 the brothers talked about killing Joseph
22-24 the brothers threw him into a pit
25-28 the brothers sold him into slavery
Gen. 39:7 his boss's wife made a pass at him
19-20 his boss believed his wife, and was angry toward him
Gen. 50:20 "you meant it for evil, but God meant it for good"

2. Notice a withdrawal from Moses

Deut. 3:23-27 God said "no" to this request
Heb. 11:23-29 many good reports about Moses

3. Notice a withdrawal from David

2 Sam. 12:13-14 God said "no" to this request
1 Sam. 13:14 "the Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart"
Acts 13:22 "a man after My own heart"

4. Notice some withdrawals from Job

Job 1:6-12 lost his children and his possessions
Job 2:3-6 lost his health
Job 42:5 Job learned

5. Notice a withdrawal from Paul

2 Cor. 12:7-10 God said "no" to this request
Phil. 4:11-13 abased & abound – full & hungry – abound & suffer need

· Concepts to consider – in upcoming presentations

Heb. 12:5-11 how a parent – makes withdrawals – as a action of love

- Difference – between positive withdrawals & negative withdrawals
 - Treating people well = making deposits
 - Handle adversity well = dealing with negative withdrawals