

SOLVING LIFE'S PROBLEMS

A. Part of solving problems is keeping them in perspective 1 Chron.12:32

1. Every living human being has problems Jn. 16:33
2. Every problem - has a life span 2 Cor. 4:17, 18
 - holds an opportunity for God to work 2 Chron.16:9
 - can change you for better or for worse (Joseph)
 - can have a negative and positive reaction Numbers 13, and 14
3. You can choose what your problem will do to you Is. 50:7

B. Part of solving problems is learning to live above them Hab. 3:17-19

1. Get WISDOM to know what's really going on James 1:5
2. Find a promise for HOPE or to change your outlook Rm. 15:4
3. Put FAITH in what God says over what you see and feel Rom. 4:18
4. Know He will give you STRENGTH to endure. God is a present help 2 Tim 4:16, 17

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1. Some people create and attract problems:
 - a. Expecting the worst; pessimism.
 - b. Defensive/antagonistic.
 - c. Avoiding necessary communication and confrontation.
 - d. Continual complaining and faultfinding.
 - e. Resisting change.
 - f. Ignoring problems can lead to tension, false assumptions, resentment, bitterness, failure, and more problems.
2. Planning, looking ahead, and communicating our intentions can resolve many problems Proverbs 4:26.
 - a. Getting wisdom from God helps us avoid future problems.
 - b. Wisdom is what you need to know now to avoid future trouble.
 - c. Wisdom cries out Proverbs 1:20.