

WEEKEND REVIEW 1

"CAN I ACCEPT MYSELF?"

AFTER A WEEK FULL OF VICTORIES & FAILURES, LET'S EVALUATE.



1. _Y_N Do you hate yourself?
2. _Y_N Have you ever hated yourself?

KEEP IN MIND THAT: "LOVE": MEANS TO "PUSH TOWARD SOMETHING YOU WANT & NEED"
 "HATE": MEANS TO PUSH AWAY FROM SOMETHING YOU WANT & NEED"

BOTH OF THESE EMOTIONS ARE CHOICES - YOUR CHOICES

Psalm 139:13-16 - You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

1. What did God make? _____
2. What did God watch? _____
3. When did God see me? _____
4. How much of my life has God kept track of? _____
5. Can bad parents, evil friends, or a sick society prevent God from:
 _Y_N Making a good creation out of you?
 _Y_N Watching you grow while in hard times or good times?
 _Y_N Seeing every part of your life, past, present, and future?
 _Y_N Knowing how every detail of your life can fit back together?
6. _Y_N Are you judging God based upon what everyone else is doing to you?

IF YOU BLAME GOD FOR WHAT BROKEN PEOPLE HAVE DONE TO YOU, THEN YOU ARE HATING GOD BECAUSE HE PUT YOU IN THIS WORLD. IF YOU HATE HIM (YOUR CREATOR), THEN YOU HATE YOU.

*Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 3:23 - ALL have sinned (missed or fallen short of the requirements of God).*

1. Who is a sinner? _____
2. _Y_N Look at Romans 5:8. Can a believer still be a sinner?
3. _Y_N Are you "accepting yourself" if you admit you are a sinner?
4. _Y_N Are you "accepting yourself" if you seek a way to solve your sin?
5. _Y_N Was Jesus "accepting you" when He died for your sins?
6. _Y_N Are you "accepting yourself" when you allow God to change you?

"ACCEPTING YOURSELF" IS SAYING "I SEE WHERE I AM, I KNOW I HAVE VALUE, BUT I DESPERATELY NEED TO MAKE CHANGES."

Genesis 1:26-27 God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness" So God did create mankind in His image (the image of God), male and female.

1. If a dictator erects images of himself all over the empire, what is he saying & trying to do? _____
2. If God has personality (emotions, intellect, moral boundaries, and will), and if we are created in His likeness, what do we have? _____
3. God chose to erect His image all over this world, who did He choose to be His image? _____

Isaiah 45:5 - I am the Lord, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God.

1. _Y_N Does it appear that God approves of Himself, and that He accepts Himself as God Almighty?

2. If you are created in the "image" of God, God expects you to "accept yourself" as a person, as a creation of God, as a masterpiece of God, even though you have failures, disobedient times, and depression. How are you doing in this battle?

3. _Y_N Don't you think that accepting (acknowledging) yourself for WHO you are and WHERE you are is a mandatory step toward fulfilling God's desire for you to demonstrate & display the image of God to those around you?

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE WORLD AROUND US IS NOT EXPECTING PERFECTION IN OUR LIVES, BUT RATHER, IS WATCHING TO SEE HOW WE HANDLE OUR IMPERFECTIONS?

Deuteronomy 31:8 - Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.

1. When we are afraid or discouraged, what is good to know? _____
