

A PERSPECTIVE ALTERATION

THE POWER OF PERSPECTIVE

A. Factors impacting perspective

1. Experience - what has happened in your life
2. Environment - more is caught than taught
3. Education - what input have you received

B. Your perception of God

1. Heavily influenced by the 3 E's
2. Does not change Him - changes how you relate/respond to Him
3. There is a higher/better perspective (*John 8:31-32 NKJ*)

A PERCEPTION PROBLEM (Matthew 25:19-27 NLT)

A. The actual goodness of the master

1. Gave his money to his servants to use
2. He praised their efforts and results
3. He rewarded them with more and celebrated with them
4. He was fair - treated the 5/2 bag guys alike

B. A distorted perspective

1. The master was harsh/hard
2. He was basically a thief, not fair - in essence, he offered a no win situation
3. The perspective contrast was seen in results

ALTERING YOUR PERSPECTIVE OF GOD

A. Look at Jesus (John 14:9 NKJ)

1. How He treated people
2. He brought life into every situation

B. Look at people in scripture who thrived with God

1. How did they respond to Him - what risks were they willing to take?
2. What did they say about Him?
3. Classic example is David who had a strong perspective of God's goodness to him (*Psalms 118:6 NKJ*)

C. As you alter your perspective of God . . .

1. You will respond/relate differently to Him
2. Your perspective of you is altered (*1 Peter 2:9 NKJ*)